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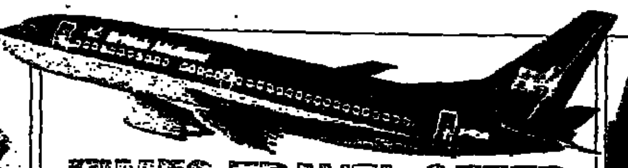

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'No return to industrial warfare'

Join the real world, Blair tells unions

By Philip Webster and Philip Bassett

THE Prime Minister told the trade unions in stark terms yesterday that they must cast aside their dogmas and join the real world if they were to have a role in creating a modern enterprise Britain.

He made plain that union leaders had no automatic influence over a Labour Government, and he warned them that they risked being left behind unless they came to terms with the challenges of a more competitive world. They must shed old-fashioned, defensive attitudes, modernise their political structures and accept new responsibilities.

Tony Blair's uncompromising speech to the TUC conference in Brighton amounted to a general call for all of Britain's institutions to modernise, but it was clear that the union movement was at the top of his list.

His address to the conference was the first by a Prime Minister since 1978 and, as such, the ovations he received were to be expected. But much of what he said was heard in uncomfortable silence and some union leaders objected strongly to his words. One said: "We don't want threats." The Archbishop of Canterbury, who backed the principle of workers' rights in his speech earlier, won a more enthusiastic reception.

Mr Blair's main theme was the creation of a more competitive country and he slapped down John Edmonds of the GMB who had attacked his insistence on employment flexibility. Mr Edmonds had said that he "shivered a little" when he heard Mr Blair using "Tory phrases". Mr Blair tackled him head-on: "We will keep the flexibility of the present market. And it may make some shiver, but I tell you, in the end it is warmer in the real world."

Blair: "We will keep market flexibility"

Labour would keep its promise of legislating for union recognition where most workers wanted it, but Mr Blair urged the unions to reach voluntary agreement with employers. "We will not go back to the days of industrial warfare, strikes without ballots, mass and flying pickets, secondary action and the rest. You don't want it and I won't let it happen."

The unions should also follow the Labour Party in modernising their political structures. "Influence with this Government and with me is not determined by anything other than the persuasiveness of your arguments. The old ways — resolutionitis, the committee rooms, the fixing, the small groups trying to run the show — have no future."

Labour and the unions must not repeat past mistakes: heavy-handed state intervention, nationalisation, industrial conflict. Instead they should adopt the "modern way" and face up to the reality that "we must be adaptable, flexible and open to change".

If the Government and the unions did not make Britain a country of successful businesses, then they were betraying those they represented. And the unions should be creative, not conservative: "Let us make it impossible to dismiss trade unions as old-fashioned, defensive, anti-progress and activist-dominated. We have nothing to lose but our dogmas. So let us lose them."

Delegates' response to the speech was mixed. John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, said that the Prime Minister had been well-received, though he accepted that he had a "hard message", while Tony Young, of the communication workers, welcomed the call for the unions to join the Government in its modernisation programme.

The Unison leader Rodney Bickerstaffe said: "With the Archbishop's speech earlier, it was a good day for the unions." But Davie Patton of the Fire Brigades Union objected to being told to join the real world, and said: "We don't want threats. That's not partnership."

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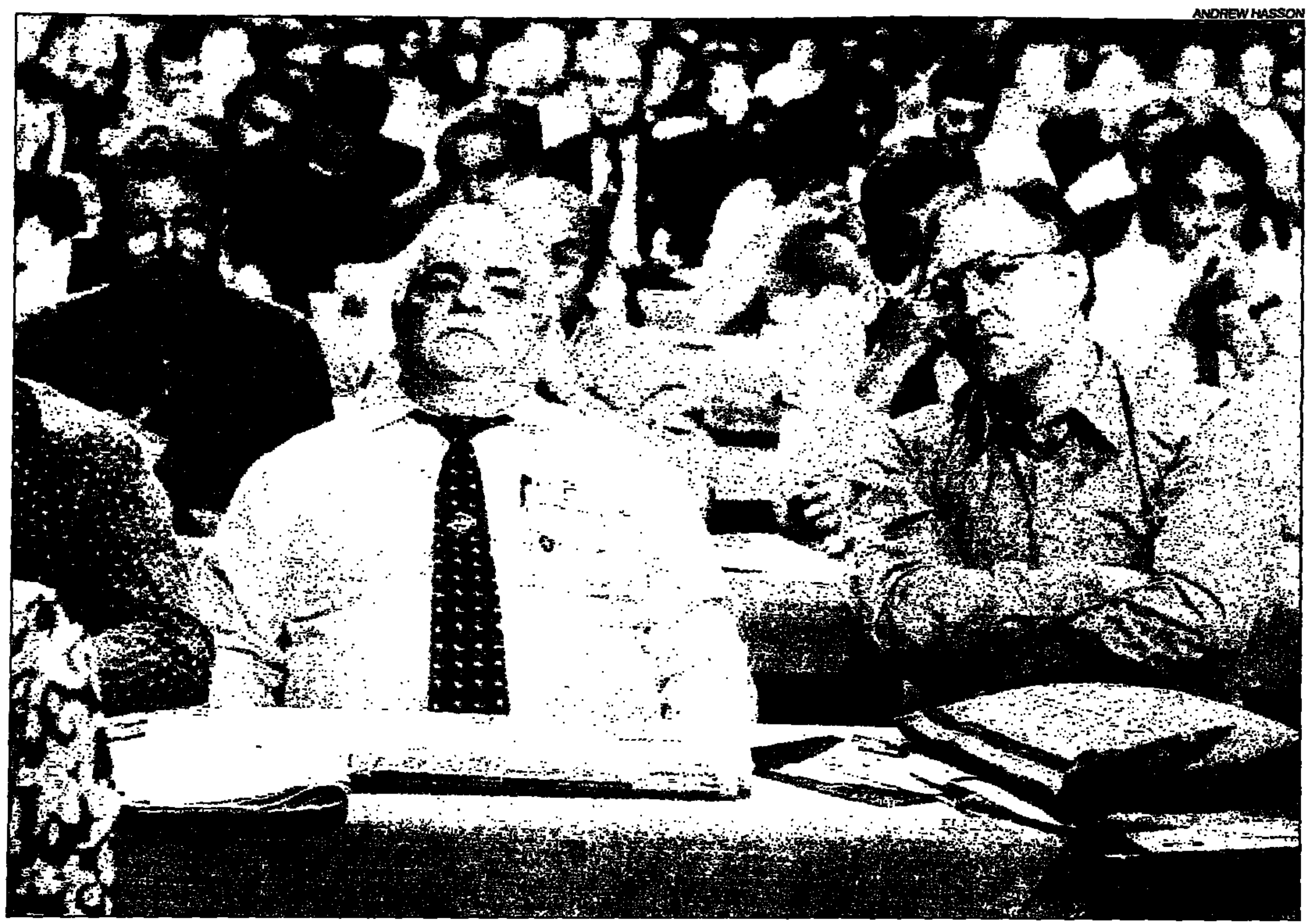

ANDREW HASSON

There were ovations for the first Prime Minister to address the TUC for two decades, but much of Mr Blair's speech was heard in silence

Whitehall press officers are purged

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

A PURGE of senior Government information officers has begun in Whitehall after some Cabinet Ministers asked for a review of their personal press arrangements.

No central directive has been issued to departments by Peter Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio, who is in charge of Government presentation. But senior Government sources confirmed last night that Ministers feel many of the Whitehall press officers cannot match the skills used by the Labour Party's own spin doctors.

One source said: "We are expecting a few more casualties. Four people have already been moved from their posts and others are feeling anxious and unhappy. But I can say now that we do not think there is any politicisation going on. It is to do with the job required by different ministers."

Another official confirmed that departments were keen to observe proprieties, and the moves were not intended for political propaganda purposes.

But alarm in Whitehall was triggered yesterday when Gill Samuel, an experienced director of information who has worked at the Ministry of Defence for five years, and was previously at Transport, and Trade and Industry, learnt that her department was to be restructured and she would no longer be head. She is to stay on at the MoD on other duties.

Information staff were told the department had to be more innovative, more concerned with shaping the political agenda, and more reactive to events. Her post is to be filled by Oona Muirhead, currently command secretary at the Permanent Joint Forces Headquarters at Northwood, Middlesex, who was selected by Richard Mottram, MoD Permanent Secretary, to head news information. She has had no direct experience with handling the media.

Miss Samuel told her office yesterday that the aim apparently was to copy the system used in the Foreign Office and Treasury, where specialists — a diplomat and an economist respectively — are put in charge of the press offices.

But Whitehall sources suggested last night that Bernard Gray, a former defence correspondent with the *Financial Times*, who has been appointed a special adviser by George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, would be closely involved with the department's PR. MoD sources made it clear last night however that Mr Robertson did not wish to have a personal press officer.

Other changes that have taken place during the summer are the removal of Andy Wood, director of information at the Northern Ireland office. He was told by his permanent secretary, John Chilcot, that his style and personal chemistry with Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, were not right. He is on paid leave from the department while other opportunities are explored. Liz Drummond, director of information at the Scottish Office, was also told her department was to be restructured and she decided to ask

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"Hi darling, I'm . . ."

Adams takes step to peace talks

Gerry Adams met the final condition for Sinn Fein's participation in full-scale peace negotiations by affirming its "total and absolute commitment" to the "Mitchell" principles. The ceremony was boycotted by Unionist and loyalist parties..... Page 2

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Two die in trip to pay tribute to Princess

By Paul Kelbie

THE QUEEN yesterday sent a message of sympathy to a coach party involved in a fatal crash while it was travelling to London to pay tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales.

Two women were killed and 47 others were injured after the 53-seat Volvo coach was in collision with a lorry and a van near junction 12 of the M6 near Cannock, Staffordshire.

A spokesman for the Crewe-based coach company said their vehicle, which had no seatbelts, was stationary in a traffic jam at the time of the crash.

Last night a spokesman for Buckingham Palace said: "The Queen learnt with sadness of the accident involving the 50s Plus Club of Nantwich and has sent a message of sympathy to the organisers."

Thousands of people with floral tributes were last night still converging on the gates of Buckingham and Kensington palaces, while in Paris a third blood test on the body of Henri Paul, the Ritz chauffeur, confirmed he had been more than three times over France's legal drink-drive limit on the night the Princess died.

In London, Lord Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, said Princes William and Harry must be protected from Press "hounding" up to and beyond their 16th birthdays if self-regulation of the press was to meet public expectations.

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Wife raped by husband wins £14,000 payout

By Paul Wilkinson and Frances Gibb

A WIFE has made legal history by sucessfully suing her husband for damages after he raped her.

The woman, aged 40, who has since been divorced and remarried, has been awarded £14,000 in what experts describe as a ground-breaking case. Husbands have been successfully criminally prosecuted for raping their wives, but lawyers believe this is the first time that a civil action for rape has been won.

The woman brought her action after the Crown Prosecution Service declined to prosecute her husband, even though he had admitted rape. CPS officials ruled that, since he was unlikely to offend again, it would not be in the public interest to proceed.

The award to the woman, who is from a middle-class background in Bradford, West Yorkshire, and is a mother of five, was made last November but has only just been revealed. Yesterday she said: "I felt completely let down by the criminal justice system. I felt that no one was taking the attack seriously, and I felt isolated and alone.

"It has been a terrible ordeal, but it has been worth it, especially if it helps other women."

She said that, when she was originally told that there was no point in going ahead with a criminal prosecution, she almost gave up, adding: "But I was wrong. The civil courts are alternative places for women to take their cases, and win, and I would urge all women to use them in their fight for justice.

"I still believe, if he was not my husband, he would have been put away for what he did. As it is, I am the one who has been left with a life sentence because I can never forget what happened."

The woman's husband, a mechanic who now lives elsewhere in northern England, was ordered to pay the damages by a judge at Bradford County Court. The couple were divorced a year after the 1992 assault. Last year the woman married a former childhood friend whom she had met again.

The award was hailed by Women Against Rape (War) as "fantastic". The pressure group's Ruth Hall said: "The woman is to be congratulated. But she should never have been forced to bring the case. Yet again the CPS has refused to implement the law."

Two years ago War accused the CPS of failing to prosecute rape cases and of too readily dropping them. Later the group backed two prostitutes in bringing the first successful prosecution for rape after the CPS declined to do so.

But Ms Hall added that civil actions were not the answer for every rape victim where the CPS declined to act since not every defendant could pay damages of £14,000. Instead, she said, compensation under the state criminal injuries scheme should be increased.

"These [latest] damages are roughly double what a woman

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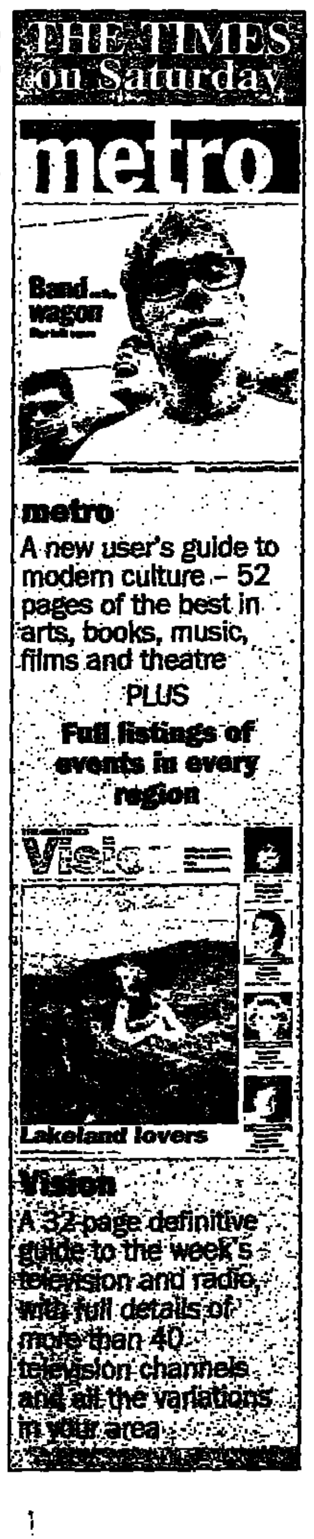

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Hackett, soldier and don, dies

General Sir John Hackett, the last surviving senior British officer from the Battle of Arnhem, died yesterday, aged 86. Sir John went on to become Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine and later was Principal of King's College, London.

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Fraser back for West Indies tour

Angus Fraser, 32, the Middlesex seam bowler, has been recalled by England for the tour of West Indies after an absence of two years.

Ashley Cowan, 22, of Essex, is the youngest member of the tour party. Derbyshire's Dominic Cork has been excluded .... Page 48

Inflation hits two-year high

Steep rises in mortgage payments and the cost of summer holidays pushed headline inflation to a two-year high of 3.5 per cent in August.

But the underlying figure fell and the City is now convinced that the Bank of Engalnd will not put up interest rates this week....... Page 25

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Sinn Fein vows to turn its back on use of force

Loyalists boycott historic ceremony as Adams adopts principles, writes Martin Fletcher

AFTER three decades of republican violence, Sinn Fein yesterday formally renounced the use of force to achieve political ends.

In a brief Stormont ceremony boycotted by every Unionist and loyalist party, Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, met the final condition for his party's participation in full-scale peace negotiations by affirming its "total and absolute commitment" to the so-called "Mitchell principles" of democracy and non-violence.

Behind closed doors, George Mitchell, the former United States senator who *chairs* the peace talks, read out the six principles, which include the resolution of political issues through "democratic and exclusively peaceful means", the renunciation of force to influence the negotiations and the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations. "I am very pleased and welcome the opportunity to affirm these principles on behalf of Sinn Fein," Mr Adams replied.

Mr Adams called the Sinn Fein pledge a watershed and an historic step, though he told journalists that he was not representing the IRA. Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, said the Government would hold Sinn Fein to its pledge with "total determination", but hoped that "at long last the ancient enmities of hatred and sectarianism can be laid to rest and the people of Northern Ireland can have the future that they want and deserve". Sinn Fein can be expelled from the talks if it violates the principles.

However, Unionist and loyalist reaction was uniformly negative. The Ulster Unionist Party called the ceremony a charade. Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, dismissed as a "colossal lie" a claim by Paul Murphy, the political development minister, that Sinn Fein's pledge heralded a new era in which the gun would finally be removed from Ireland's politics. Spokesmen for the loyalist Ulster Democratic and Progressive Unionist parties called the ceremony a "sham".

The key question now is whether the UUP will attend the negotiations when they commence on Monday. The DUP and the UK Unionist Party have already walked out, and the UDP and PUP will almost certainly follow the UUP's lead.

David Trimble, the UUP leader, meets Mr Blair at *Downing Street this afternoon* and much will depend on the Prime Minister's response to written demands for ten confidence-building measures the UUP presented to him two weeks ago. These include an unequivocal public statement by *Mr Blair that there can be* no constitutional change in Northern Ireland without the consent of a majority of its people, and a statement by the Irish and British governments that IRA disarmament will be required during the negotiations.

The UUP is futher demanding *the replacement of certain* senior Northern Ireland Office officials that it does not trust, a grand committee at *Westminster to consider* Northern Ireland legislation, the maintenance of strong police and security forces and the exemption of legally held weapons in Northern Ireland from the post-Dunblane ban on handguns.

In another bid to win over the UUP, the Government will *name this week the members* of an international commission to encourage and facilitate paramilitary *disarmament. The expectation* is that the UUP will rule out direct talks with Sinn Fein, at least initially, but turn up at Stormont and negotiate through interlocutors instead. Mr Mitchell sgnalled that he could accept such an arrangement: "The important thing is that there be progress ... The precise method of proceeding is less important."

The UUP is under great pressure not to abandon the *negotiations. Mr Mitchell said* political leaders had to seize the opportunity presented by the first talks in the history of Northern Ireland *accompanied* by a ceasefire. Mr Adams and John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, both pointed out that UUP councillors had no difficulty sitting down with Sinn Fein counterparts at local-government level.

Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign Minister, spoke of "an unprecedented prospect" and hoped Unionists would seize "the historic opportunity".

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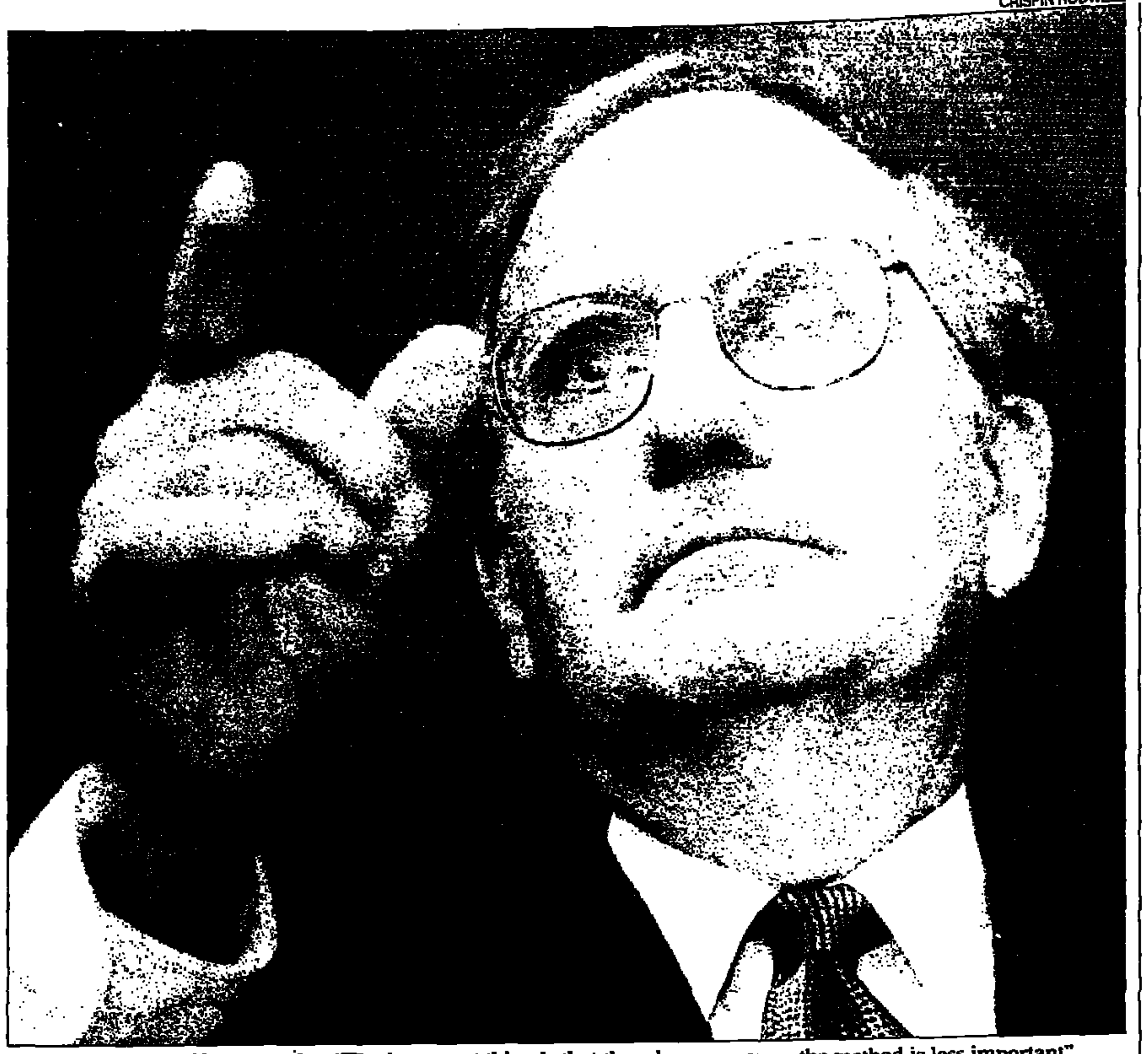

Mitchell in Belfast yesterday: "The *important thing is that there be progress* ... the method is less important"

ADAMS' COMMITMENT TO PEACE

Sinn Fein yesterday affirmed their commitment to:

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☐ **renounce for themselves, and to oppose any effort by others, to use force, or threaten to use force, to influence the course of all-party negotiations;**

☐ ***agree to abide by the terms* of any agreement reached in all-party negotiations and to resort to democratic and exclusively *peaceful methods in* trying to alter any aspect of that outcome with which they may disagree;**

☐ ***urge that punishment* killings and beatings stop and to take effective steps to prevent such actions.**

Weapons stockpiles pose continuing threat to peace

By Michael Evans
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE IRA seems to be holding its breath during the lead-up to the talks next Monday, refraining from any activity that might be interpreted by the Loyalists as a breach of the ceasefire.

After the signing by Sinn Fein leaders yesterday of the six Mitchell principles, renouncing the use of violence, even the most extreme of the IRA "brigades" appeared to be under orders to stay at home and to avoid any suspicious activity.

However, the security forces remain acutely aware that the secret arms dumps in the Irish Republic remain in place and IRA research by its technical experts is assumed to be continuing to improve bomb-making technology.

Nevertheless, targeting missions, dummy bombing runs, training and arms buying — activities which continued during the previous *ceasefire announced in 1994* — have been suspended. Security officials acknowledged that the latest ceasefire, announced on July 20, had held because of the different conditions laid down by Tony Blair.

His declaration of two deadlines — September 9 for signing the Mitchell principles and September 15 for the start of all-party peace talks — had forced the IRA's hand.

Suspected IRA terrorists had been seen engaging in dummy bombing runs during the first ceasefire, when there was *no* declared timetable for peace talks. Now the IRA has been inactive for almost two months, but the continued existence of secret arms caches of guns, Semtex explosives and advanced mortar systems poses a continuing threat to peace hopes.

The IRA's weapons stocks,stored in bunkers mostly thought to be inside isolated farm buildings and under silage pits in the Irish Republic to avoid airborne surveillance systems, include at least two of the accurate American Barrett "Light 50" M82A1 heavy sniper rifles, about 650 AK47 rifles, up to 30 Armelite assault rifles, three tonnes of Semtex and an assortment of machineguns, rocket launchers, flame-throwers and home-made mortars.

The security authorities looking for signs of any IRA activities have concluded that the terrorist organisation has adopted an ultra-cautious position so as not to undermine Sinn Fein's negotiating strategy. However, there is an awareness that the ceasefire is still in its early stages and that the IRA has control over a huge *amount* of weapons and explosives to revert to violence if the talks fail.

Most of the explosive devices used in the bombing campaign that was relaunched on the mainland in February last year, after the ending of the first ceasfire, were home-made. Only tiny amounts of Semtex were used, preserving the Libyan-supplied military explosive material for possible future use.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Colleges 'facing a global challenge'

British universities face global competition for students from international institutions modelled on the Open *University, a World Bank* expert told vice-chancellors in London yesterday.

Julian Schweitzer said international studies suggested that charging fees did not deter students from entering higher education. However, their introduction had to be accompanied by flexible loan programmes and diversity in the types of courses available. Higher education was becoming more market-driven worldwide as universities faced the same funding problems that were driving Britain towards introducing fees, Mr Schweitzer said. Among the results would be more choice for students and greater competition for their recruitment.

Planes crashed

Air Canada has instructed its pilots to exercise extreme caution when taxiing at congested parts of Heathrow after the pilot of a Canadian jumbo taxiing for take-off at the airport thought passengers were imagining things when they reported that his wing tip had hit another aircraft nearby. The airport has set up a working group to review procedures after an official report into the incident.

Ambulance case

A man died after two members of an ambulance crew turned down their radio to avoid hearing emergency calls, an administrator of the London Ambulance Service told an industrial tribunal. Harry Clutterbuck, 86, died in hospital after another ambulance was contacted. Robert Foster and Jim McGregor claim they were unfairly dismissed for gross misconduct. *The hearing continues.*

E coli deaths

Two elderly patients have died and 11 others have been put in isolation after an outbreak of *E. coli* food poisoning *at a hospital in North*allerton, north Yorkshire. Another patient is recovering and a nurse is under observation. *Officials at the Friarage* Hospital said it was believed that the infection had been brought in by a patient undergoing treatment for another condition.

Attack database

France's investigating magistrate in the Caroline Dickinson murder case has ordered police to interview the keepers of every youth hostel in that country, so that a database of similar incidents can be built up. Caroline, 13, was raped and murdered in July last year in the youth hostel of the Brittany village of Pleine-Fougères. An attack at a nearby hostel, the same night, was reported at the time.

Navy review

A new Ministry of Defence working party has been set up to review the role of women in the Armed Forces — which could mean the end of all-men submarines. Even in the latest Astute class submarines, much of the crew will continue to operate the traditional "hot-bunking" system, under which crew members coming off one watch climb into warm bunks vacated by other sailors.

Ship's last cruise

The cruise liner *Canberra sails* from Southampton today on its final voyage before being broken up for scrap. A two-year search for a buyer for the ship, designed to take British emigrants to Australia, has failed. She is due to return to Southampton on September 30 and will be taken to a breaker's yard, probably in the Far East. The 30-year-old ship fails many new international safety laws.

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for early retirement. Both *posts are to be advertised* shortly. The third change occurred at the Treasury when Jill Rutter, a career civil servant, *asked to return to policy* duties. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, had brought into Government his key aide, Charlie Whelan, who continued to liaise with journalists. Miss Rutter's former post has now been split, with Mr Whelan working for Mr Brown, and another Treasury official, Peter Curwen, appointed as head of the press office.

Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, also made political appointments when he came to office by making Jonathan Powell, who ran his Opposition office, his chief of staff, and Alastair Campbell his press secretary. Hilary Coffman and Tim Allan, who also worked in Mr Blair's press team, were recruited to the Downing Street press office as special advisers.

Mike Granatt, the head of the Government Information Service, and director of information at the Home Office, has already ordered a review on how departments are managing their relations with the media.

He said last night: "We are in the business of delivering the service that Ministers want. If that requires examining the job that is actually being done, then we are doing that."

One of his most pressing changes is to buy in a media monitoring service.

Penalty points on licence may close bad pubs

By Richard Ford, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PUBLIC houses could be forced to close under a penalty points scheme aimed at cutting drink-related violence to be launched this month, the Government announced yesterday.

The "totting up" system, similar to that operating for motoring offences, would hit bad licensees who fail to keep order on their premises, allow under age drinking and consumption after closing time.

A year-long pilot scheme is to be launched in west Yorkshire in two weeks after the police and local magistrates have finalised what points will be given for offences and the total number that will lead to a licence being revoked.

Alun Michael, a *junior* Home Office Minister, also disclosed yesterday that the government was looking at two *other proposals to cut* violence caused by alcohol and the injuries caused by fights in and around licensed premises.

He wants to ensure that magistrates are provided with figures of the number of arrests at or near licensed premises when licences come up for renewal every three years. Mr Michael also said that ministers were looking at requiring city centre pubs and clubs to serve drinks from toughened beer glasses to reduce the injuries caused when people smash glasses into another person's face.

"The misuse of alcohol is another issue we have to address. Several senior police officers have told me that drink-related violence is now one of their biggest problems," he told the annual conference of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

Anne Norton, chairman of the Magistrates' Association licensing subcommittee, said: "At the *moment* it is a very sloppy system. We are not always told about a history of trouble and we are not always told about trouble unless it *reaches the criminal courts.*"

A spokesman for the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association said it welcomed *any measure that would* cut down on problems that arose in licensed premises.

The proposals to deal with *drink related violence* were announced as Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, outlined plans to give police and local *authorities powers to* jail "neighbours from hell" and people who terrorise local communities with antisocial *behaviour.*

Wife wins case for rape by husband

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could get *under the statutory* compensation scheme for rape." Under the old Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, a women raped by her estranged husband was awarded £25,000 in 1992 to cover mental and physical injuries.

Chris Barton, Professor of Family Law at Staffordshire University, said: "I know of no other action where the wife has sued successfully in the the civil courts for the trespass of rape.

"*It is all very American in* terms of allowing yet a further incursion of the law into the privacy of the family."

Describing her ordeal on *the night of Boxing Day, 1992,* the woman said she was asleep when her husband, who had been drinking, came in late. She awoke to find herself being violently sexually assaulted. She was then raped.

"For days after the attack, I was in shock," she said. "I just couldn't believe my husband could have carried out such a despicable act ... I just didn't know who to turn to. I felt no one would listen and that no one would believe what had happened.

"So, partly because of the children and partly because I felt I did not have a case, I *ended up staying with him.* It was a terrible time. I used to feel physically sick and start shaking at bedtimes. He could not understand why I was acting the way I was — he did not think he had done anything wrong."

The woman finally broke her silence two months later when she spoke to a psychiatric *nurse her husband* asked to visit her because he was concerned about her behaviour. The police were informed but no charges were brought. It was not until 16 months later that she decided to bring her civil action.

Yesterday she said: "I am glad I continued with the case. It was hard at the time, and could be upsetting because my husband was *sitting in court* as I was giving my evidence. But we won in the end and, if nothing else happens from the case, I hope other women will be encouraged to use it in their fight for justice."

Mark Husband, her solicitor, said: "This is the first time a woman has sued her husband for rape." He said he had suggested bringing *the action* after a colleague handling the woman's divorce settlement sought his advice over the assault.

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England rugby star 'put hand down my trousers'

Former international John Hall denies indecent assault during wine bar victory celebration

By Simon de Bruxelles

THE former England rugby star John Hall put his hand down a woman's trousers and squeezed her bottom during a hard-drinking celebration with some of the country's top players, a court heard yesterday.

His alleged victim, a 24-year-old student, told Bristol Crown Court that Hall, then manager of Bath RFC, accosted her in a wine bar while celebrating victory over Will Carling's Harlequins in December last year. With him were the Bath and England players Ben Clarke, Jeremy Guscott, Adedayo Adebayo and Steve Ojomoh.

The trainee teacher described how Hall tried to kiss her on the lips and then assaulted her. But Hall, 35, who was capped 22 times, told the jury that it was the woman who had pinched his bottom and that she only complained after he had rejected her advances.

The student said she recognised Hall from television and newspaper appearances when he grabbed her wrist and asked her to meet his friends. He gave her a peck on the cheek, she said, and added: "He went to kiss me on the lips. I pulled away and told him to *** off. I had never met the man before in my life.

"I felt his hand go to the back of my trousers and down my knickers and touch my bottom. I was disgusted. I struggled away and said, 'You shouldn't have done that'."

Michael Mather-Lees, for the prosecution, said: "The young woman has an absolute right not to be touched against her will. The issue is whether you believe the complainant or the defendant."

Hall, who denies indecent assault, told the jury that he had been standing at the bar when he felt someone pinching his bottom. He said: "I probably had seven or eight pints. I felt merry but I was completely in control. Some girls behind me pinched my bum several times. I ignored it initially, but when it carried on I said to one girl, 'Please stop pinching my bum'.

"We had a very short chat. She pushed herself towards me and started kissing me. She pushed her tongue into my mouth in a French kiss.

"I reciprocated because I felt flattered that an attractive young lady was doing this. Then I pulled away and thought better of it. I was engaged to be married and also it was not generally the right thing to do.

"It shocked me to think she pushed herself on to me. I felt embarrassed, really."

He said that,shortly afterwards, "two gentlemen came up and started making allegations to me. They were extremely aggressive which took me back. They said, 'You tried to put you hands down a girl's trousers'.

"I was dumbfounded. I am quite a shy person and I was very concerned about what they were saying. Ben Clarke said, 'Let's go' but I said, 'No, let's stay for the police'."

Jeremy Guscott, left, was one of the wine bar revellers. Jack Rowell gave evidence as a character witness

Cross-examined by Richard Smith, for the defence, the woman, whose boyfriend is a police officer, claimed Hall had said "Let's make that a proper snog" as he tried to kiss her on the lips. She denied that she had been flirting with the rugby star. She said: "I just made polite conversation and I wasn't aware of any of the girls flirting with them." Asked if she had kissed him first, she replied: "No disrespect, but why would I want to kiss him?"

She added: "He tried to plant his lips on mine and I think he did plant his lips on mine. I pulled back. I was angered. As I pulled back I must have moved to one side. I felt a full hand on the cheek of my bottom and he tried to put his hand further. I just pulled away.

"I walked off and turned back and saw him grabbing and kissing a blonde girl."

The jury was shown the black, flared trousers with unelasticated waist that she was wearing on the night of the incident. They were told she had also been wearing a short shirt which was not tucked in.

Mr Smith asked the witness to hold up the black trousers and show the jury the lack of "give" in the waist band and the difficulty anyone would have had putting a hand down them.

Mr Smith said: "You kissed this man John Hall quite willingly. Then knowing that was the wrong thing to have done you have made up a lie that he touched your bottom."

At one point during cross-examination the petite brunette broke down and had to leave the dock for ten minutes. Hall, of Slaughterford, Wiltshire, was ousted as Bath's director of rugby earlier this year.

Jack Rowell, the former England team manager, was called as a character witness. Mr Rowell, 60, told the court: "I have known John for 20 years. I choose my friends very carefully and he is one of them. In my many years of coaching there have been only half a dozen people I have met and would call friends.

"I have never seen John off the field abuse his physique. I don't think he has a propensity for unacceptable behaviour. When I heard about the allegations via a third party both I and my wife were shocked."

The case continues.

John Hall, the Bath player, leaving Bristol Crown Court after the hearing

Teenage machete killer weeps after murder verdict

Reports by Adam Fresco and Richard Duce

WEEPING and wringing his hands, the leader of a teenage triad-style gang was led away to a cell yesterday after he was convicted of murdering a boy with a machete.

An Old Bailey judge ordered that Nathan Brown, 16, be detained indefinitely for the killing outside a south London school. He had left his 14-year-old victim, Carl Rickard, with blood pouring from his head and pleading: "What did I do, what did I do?"

He was chosen for the attack because Brown, then 15, believed that he had slighted the gang he led, called the Golden Snakes. With other gang members, Brown took a minicab to the boy's school in Kidbrooke last January and attacked him outside the gates.

Carl was punched and kicked to the ground and stabbed three times with the 17in blade that Brown kept in his locker at another school near by. Carl died later in hospital.

The court was told that the gang ran away laughing afterwards and Brown, said to have a fixation with martial arts, later boasted: "We got him. We done the job. I chopped him."

Brown, described as a loner and a mummy's boy, had admitted manslaughter but denied murder, claiming that he had feigned the attack and had not meant to cause serious injury. As the jury returned the verdict, Carl's sister, Sally, leapt from her seat and punched the air.

Outside court, Carl's mother, Lyn, said: "I hate Nathan Brown so much but I don't want revenge on him or his family because I don't want his mum to feel how I feel.

"I am just a shell. These days I laugh and joke, but it is a dead laugh. I hate getting up every morning. CJ is on my brain 24 hours, seven days a week. I cannot wait until the day I am with him again."

Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, had told the jury: "Brown was a member of a gang known as 14K which modelled itself on Chinese triads. The Crown's case is that he was the leader of a section of the gang known as the Golden Snakes.

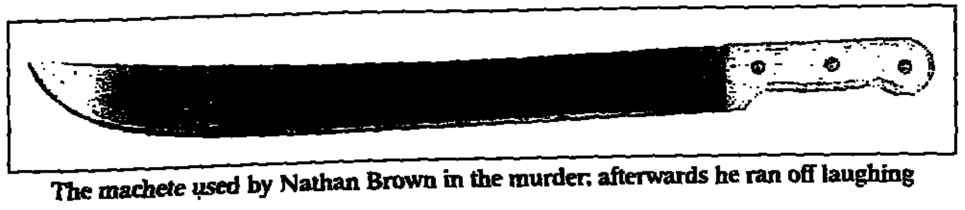
"One of the gang punched Rickard in the face and then the whole gang attacked him. The initial attack was short-lived and he was quickly overwhelmed. The defendant, who was at the back of the group, pulled his machete from the sheath and shouted at them to move away. He then struck Rickard over the head. Rickard was left shouting for help, bleeding profusely from a head wound."

He said a search of Brown's bedroom reavealed a notebook in which he gave the rules of gang membership. It said: "Never reveal secrets to anyone, especially the police. If I do, me and my family will suffer." The book also said that gang members had to carry an offensive weapon.

Judge Clive Tayler ordered that Brown's name be disclosed, although he is a juvenile. "This is an extremely serious case. It seems to me that the interests of the community outweigh those of this defendant," the judge said.

Nathan Brown, left, described as a mummy's boy, stabbed Carl Rickard in front of a gang of friends

Gang identity enticed vulnerable youngsters



The machete used by Nathan Brown in the murder; afterwards he ran off laughing

STATUS and street credibility are the aim for the thousands of boys who have joined gangs styled on the Chinese Triads in Britain's inner cities.

Although police have been aware of their emergence for several years it was not until a Triad-style gang was held responsible for the death of the London headmaster Philip Lawrence that the public became aware of them.

Nathan Brown fits the police blueprint for a gang member. He was a loner, came from a broken home and found no sense of identity until he joined a gang. It gave him a sense of status and belonging: allegiance to a violent code and a belief that he had found true friends for the first time. Police believe it is this teenage vulnerability that makes boys of Brown's age prime candidates for gang recruitment.

One police souce, close to the Brown murder inquiry, said: "They all wear the clothes of the Triads, baggy trousers and bandanas. It is becoming a growing problem. Witnesses have told us there are thousands of members of these gangs around the country."

The emergence of the schoolboy gangs is rooted in the activities of a real Triad gang, known as 14K, which began recruiting youngsters in the early 1990s.

Youngsters of all races and backgrounds were drawn in, mainly in London, to help them to extort money from restaurant owners.

Groups of youths would go into these premises and cause trouble for the owners, but police, who did not then realise they were part of a larger criminal organisation, would often not take a tough line with them.

Once police finally realised what was happening officers in the West End began cracking down on the youngsters, forcing them to stay away from their favourite haunts.

These youngsters, excited by the world into which they had stumbled, then returned to their homes across London and the Home Counties and set up their own gangs based on the workings of the 14K gang.

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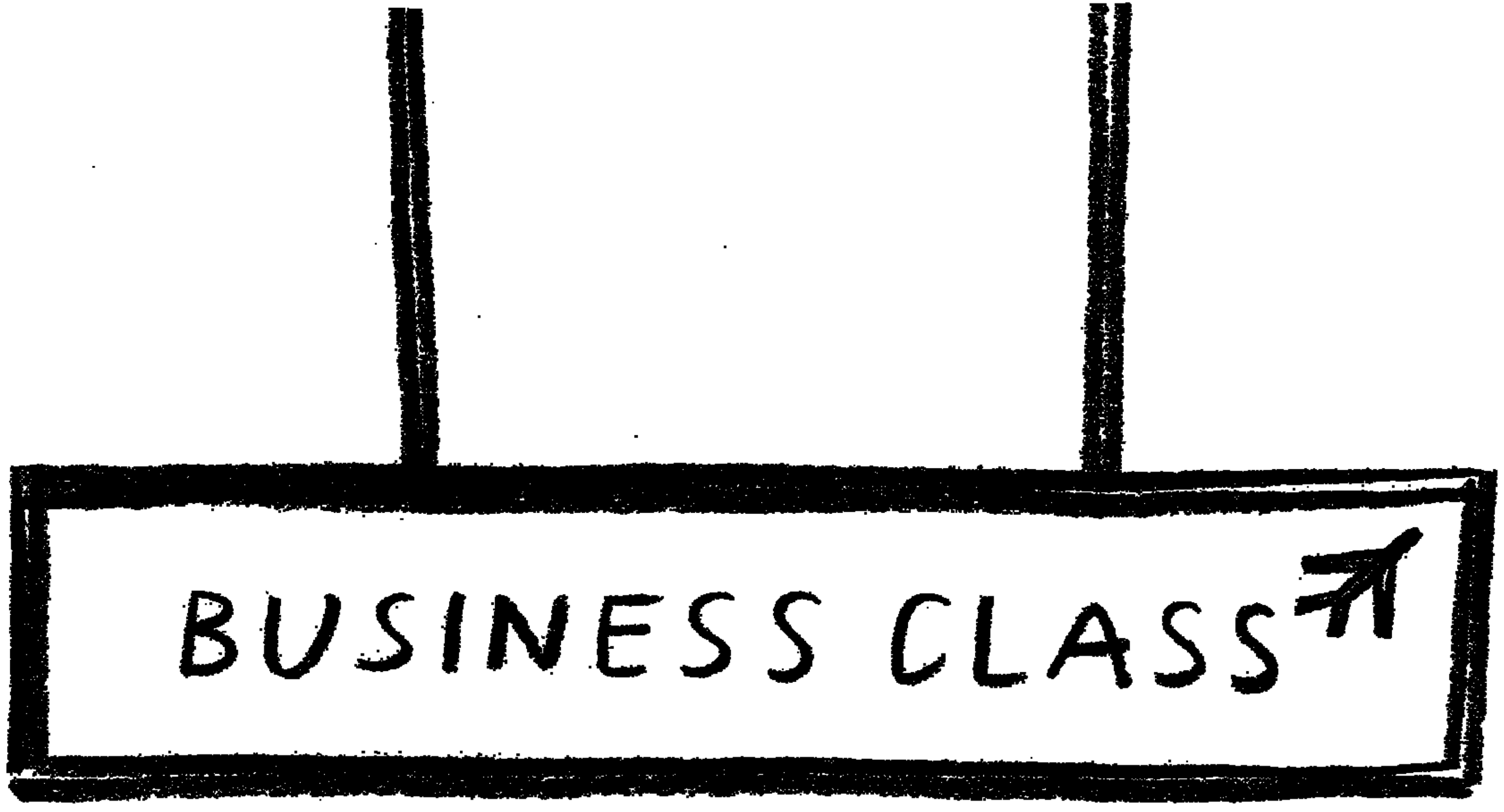

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Shipwrecked family sail away with new baby

Couple who had to be rescued last year are off again with two-week-old daughter, writes Richard Duce

UNDAUNTED by a shipwreck that nearly cost them their lives, the Schinas family is taking to the ocean again with a fifth crew member — a two-week-old baby girl.

Nick and Jill Schinas, together with their children Xoe, 5, and Matthew, 4, were plucked from their 43ft ketch in mountainous seas during a helicopter rescue in the South Atlantic in January last year. Now, after rebuilding the boat in Chichester, West Sussex, they have set sail again for the Mediterranean.

One midwife yesterday described the latest adventure as "bonkers". Mrs Schinas was undeterred by the prospect of caring for a baby at sea.

She said: "I suppose most people think we are mad, leaving to sail the globe with a two-week-old child after what has happened to us. But this is the only life we know and every day is a real-life geography lesson for the kids. Wherever we put in at port, the children eat the local food and meet the local children."

Mr Schinas, 41, who gave up jobs in journalism and the motor trade to devote his life to sailing, spent £8,000 having his ketch *Maamari* towed back from the Falklands to the south coast. He and his 36-year-old wife are experienced sailors and married seven years ago on the Amazon. Their two eldest children were born in Antigua.

Before setting off last weekend with the new baby, Roxanne, on board, Mr Schinas said: "We have had one bad experience but having one car crash doesn't necessarily stop you driving. We have no plans to ever return to Britain. We will just go anywhere the mood takes us. I have no worries at all about the safety of my family. I'd be more worried living in London.

"I am confident a two-week-old baby is safer at sea than on dry land. Roxanne was born on board *Maamari* with the help of a midwife and then we couldn't wait to be off again. My children have spent their lives sailing. They have never seen a classroom and have no idea what bullying and violence means.

"They have never watched television, used a computer or eaten a Big Mac. Their education is travelling with us, watching dolphins swim beside the hull.

"We probably will go back to the South Atlantic because the kids want to see king penguins but it won't be just yet."

The Royal College of Midwives said the ocean journey for a two-week-old baby gave cause for concern. "It is a matter of parental choice but it is not something that we would recommend. We would have concerns if baby needed assistance while out at sea and young children can get ill very quickly."

DAVE HILL

Nick and Jill Schinas with Roxanne, Matthew and Xoe on their ketch. "A baby is safer at sea," Mr Schinas says

Dentist's patients win £2m damages

By Paul Wilkinson

NEARLY a hundred patients of a dentist who left them physically and mentally damaged when he carried out unnecessary treatment have accepted compensation totalling up to £2 million.

The out-of-court settlement ends an eight-year legal battle by people who attended the one-man practice run by Barry Garrett, 48, in the East Yorkshire market town of Driffield. He treated healthy teeth so that he would be paid for the work.

One patient, Jane Appleton, was 15 when she started 25 visits over two years, involving 99 separate treatments to 13 teeth. The damage cost £43,000 to put right.

Mr Garrett admitted negligence through his counsel. The damages will be paid by the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland.

He was struck off in 1989 for serious professional misconduct but reinstated in 1991 after retraining. He was last heard of a year ago practising in northwest England.

Chickenpox in adult life can be lethal

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

A father has been killed by chickenpox days after catching it from the four-year-old son he was nursing. Terry Rouson, 34, died four days after falling ill with the disease.

Antibiotics failed to control the acute infection, which spread into his lungs, leaving him unconscious and scarcely able to breathe. He died in hospital and the post mortem examination showed the cause as a lung infection derived from chickenpox.

To be near his son, Jake, Mr Rouson had followed his former girlfriend Jenny Littler, 36, to Colchester from his home in Plymouth after they separated. When the boy became ill he volunteered to nurse him.

The greatest disaster expected when children catch chickenpox is that they might be left with a permanent pitted scar on their face. It is very different when adults catch chickenpox or if they are immunocompromised, for then scarring is the least of the worries.

Many immuno-compromised patients are taking steroids or other immunosuppressant drugs. Others may be suffering from chronic kidney or similar serious diseases and some are HIV positive. Contacts of people with chickenpox who belong to one of these high risk groups can be protected by giving them appropriate immunisation.

Chickenpox is caused by a virus, varicella, one of the herpes group. It is normally a disease of childhood and during this period it is only rarely serious.

When patients develop a severe attack the rash, which appears in crops, is usually spread all over the body including the mouth, larynx, trachea and bronchial tubes. It can also cause severe herpetic ulcers in the vagina, rectum and under the eyelids.

The acute viral infection can be serious, even lethal, as the case of Mr Rouson has shown. He died from pneumonia, a well-documented complication of chickenpox in adults. Pneumonia is caused by the virus rather than from secondary bacterial infection, and so does not respond to antibiotics but anti-viral agents can prove helpful.

Other complications that affect adults, or immuno-compromised patients, are inflammation of the heart muscle, of the joints or even hepatitis. A particularly unpleasant complication is encephalopathy. Inflammation of the tissue of the brain usually starts a fortnight after the rash started, by which time the patient is feeling better, the initial blisters have dried and the first scabs are separating.

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Third test confirms crash driver had drunk heavily

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

A THIRD set of tests on the body of Henri Paul, the chauffeur of the car in which Diana, *Princess of Wales*, died, has confirmed that he was driving with more than three times the legal alcohol limit in his blood. The findings open the way for possible prosecution of his employers, the Paris Ritz hotel, owned by Mohamed Al Fayed.

The tests, demanded by the family of the dead driver and Mr Al Fayed, were carried out by Paris Medical-Legal Institute and indicated that M Paul, 41, had an alcohol level of 1.8 grammes of alcohol per litre of blood.

The two earlier tests, carried out immediately after the accident but challenged by Mr Al Fayed and the Paul family, revealed levels of 1.75 and 1.85 grammes per litre, roughly equivalent to drinking one *and a half bottles of wine*. The legal limit for driving in France is 0.5 grammes of alcohol per litre of blood.

Yesterday's tests technically leave the management of the Ritz open to prosecution under *French law on charges* of "negligence" or "endangering the life of another person" for permitting Mr Paul to drive while intoxicated. M Paul, who was deputy director of security for the Paris Ritz, also *allegedly lacked the qualifications* required to drive the Mercedes.

The funeral of M Paul, which was delayed pending the final tests, is expected to take place today in his home town of *Lorient in Brittany*. Nine photographers and a motorcycle driver employed by a photographic agency, said to be in pursuit of the Princess and Dodi Fayed, remain under formal legal investigation on charges of manslaughter and failure to assist the victims.

In a further attempt to place blame for the crash on the paparazzi, Bernard Dartevelle, Mr Al Fayed's lawyer, claimed that a photograph taken just before the crash shows M Paul and the Princess's bodyguard apparently dazzled by the flash of a camera, while the Princess is turned around in the back seat to look at a pursuing motorcycle. The photograph, and others indicating it was taken after their departure from the Ritz, are in the possession of *police, M Dartevelle said.*

Mr Al Fayed's lawyers have filed civil law suits against two *publications* and two picture agencies alleging they "invaded the privacy and endangered the life" of the Princesss and her friend by snatching photographs of them from a helicopter during their holiday last month.

They also claimed that two weeks before the fatal crash, the press was asked to stop harassing the couple. The suit alleges photographers working for *Paris Match*, *France Dimanche* and two unidentified agencies invaded the couple's privacy in the South of France.

Investigating magistrates visited the Paris road tunnel where the crash took place for the first time yesterday, aiming to reconstruct the events *leading up to the tragedy.*

Although investigators have denied claims of a preliminary report indicating that the photographers could not be held responsible for the accident, police are increasingly leaning *towards the belief that the* crash was caused by alcohol and excessive speed.

Investigators have not come to a formal conclusion on the car's speed but police sources say they believe that it was being driven at more than 90mph.

Max Coblence, the lawyer for two of the photographers, said: "There will have to be a re-enactment of the accident before any decision is taken that might clear the photographers, and it will be some months before this can take place."

French magistrates yesterday visiting the tunnel in Paris where the Mercedes carrying the Princess crashed

Germans press for ban on landmines

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN HAMBURG

KLAUS KINKEL, the German Foreign Minister, yesterday told Robin Cook of Germany's deep sorrow at the death of the Princess and his determination to redouble efforts to achieve a total landmine ban to honour her memory.

In a generous tribute, Herr Kinkel said her death was a great loss and the world had a responsibility to continue her commitment in the fight against landmines. Mr Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said Britain and Germany would jointly do their utmost to achieve a ban.

Mr Cook told German reporters that there was a new sense of solidarity and commitment in Britain that had been discovered by all those joined together in their grief. He urged Britons to make the *most of this commitment to* the causes she supported.

German devastation at her death was still clearly evident in Hamburg, where the gateway to the British Consulate has been heaped with flowers left by mourners.

The Mall may be closed to cars for good

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR

ANOTHER 40,000 people flocked to Kensington Palace yesterday to lay more tributes as the Government *considered* renaming Kensington Gardens in the Princess's honour.

The new Whitehall committee, chaired by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, will also look at closing The Mall to traffic as a permanent memorial and a new foundation to *fund her humanitarian* work.

Officials are drawing up plans to redesign Kensington Gardens to accommodate the thousands of visitors who are expected to turn up at the Princess's former London home to honour her memory.

Officials say they will begin tomorrow the huge operation to move 10,000 tonnes of flowers and to collect the personal messages and tributes which will be stored in an archive *until the Spencer family* and Buckingham Palace decide what should be done with them. Buckingham Palace said it will save the half a million messages of condolence sent on the Internet.

The Government accepts that the public will want to walk the route of the funeral procession for some time and space will be made at the London palaces for tributes.

Among those coming to Kensington Palace yesterday was Dr Jean Ford, 51, an educational lecturer who made a 24-hour, 3,000-mile round trip from Chicago to lay flowers.

Gifts such as soft toys are being collected by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and if they have not been damaged by rain will be given to children's wards in hospitals or to children's charities. Other *gifts laid in tribute* — there were many bottles of champagne — will be handed to her charities for resale.

Haydn Phillips, Permanent Secretary at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, yesterday wrote to local authority *chief executives, lord-lieu*tenants and religious leaders across the country about the plans for gathering the tributes. The Government is determined that all the personal tokens should be handled in a sensitive fashion.

But government sources *said yesterday there* were now issues of public health and safety to consider and they could no longer allow the floral tribute, now five feet deep, at Kensington Gardens to remain untouched. Many flowers have decomposed and the temperature inside the *mass could be up to 180F.*

Civil servants are also to launch a review into the lessons to be drawn from the handling of the funeral. The most likely is the need for planning flexibility.

Althorp 'will be new Graceland'

Earl considers how best to provide access for public without profit, reports **Daniel McGrory**

EARL SPENCER insisted yesterday that he does not want to profit from his sister's death as he decides how best to open his estate Althorp to the millions who want to visit her grave.

Thousands more descended on the *Northamptonshire estate yesterday to* leave flowers in spite of an appeal from the earl not to do so. Many hoped that their blooms would find their way onto the island where the Princess is buried but the earl said the land is already carpeted with flowers and can accommodate no more.

The earl has begun consultations about what to do at Althorp. From the moment that he decided to bury his sister in the grounds he realised that his home would be besieged by people wishing to visit the grave but his staff say it will take several weeks before he is ready to announce how many days it will open to the public. A spokesman *said: "He needs to talk to the police and* the local authority about coping with *what will be huge numbers who want* to honour Diana."

The earl will restrict the number of days that the public will visit. He has yet to decide whether to charge an entrance fee but a spokesman said: "He certainly does not want to be seen as making money out of his sister's tragic death. His concern is to protect her privacy so no one will set foot on the island where Diana is buried but to allow people to honour her safely and with dignity."

The British Tourist Authority said that if the estate was open all year it would instantly become Britain's biggest tourist attraction with more than a *million visitors. One tourism expert* said: "Althorp will be Buckingham Palace and Graceland *rolled into one.* Millions will want to come but it just depends how many he wants to let in."

Like so many owners of stately homes, Earl Spencer has struggled for years to balance the books of a 121-room house and an 8,500-acre estate that was losing £450,000 a year. He had to pay £1.5 million in death duties when he inherited the decaying pile from his father in 1992.

He was appalled that his stepmother, Raine Spencer, had sold paintings, furniture and heirlooms supposedly to reduce the debt and yet spent more than £2 million on refurbishments which he dismissed as making the *house like "a five-star hotel in Monaco"*. His problem was that Althorp was never much of a money-making attraction. Tourists came for the first few months after the Princess's wedding but last year in the 60 days Earl Spencer opened the gates to tourists at *£5 a head fewer than 10,000 turned up.* The British Tourist Authority said that so few came it did not include it in its list of popular attractions.

Among the most urgent questions the earl has to address about Althorp's future is whether he will now give up his home in South Africa and return to permanent residence. Staff say that this is unlikely as his four children live *with their mother, Victoria, in Cape* Town where the earl spends much of the winter.

The likely compromise is that he will live at Althorp when he opens it for a limited number of days in the summer around the anniversay of the Princess's death.

Logo gives memorial fund added protection

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
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MERCHANDISE sold in aid of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund will carry the fund's official logo in an attempt to stop unscrupulous traders profiting from fake *memorabilia.*

Companies and individuals wanting to collect money for the charity will also be required to use the logo, which has been commissioned by the Princess's solicitors, Mishcon de Reya, who are administering the fund.

A spokeswoman for the fund said that several draft designs for a logo had been produced and were awaiting a decision by the Spencer family. "We are in the process of producing an official logo but have not shown anything *to the family yet,*" she said.

The logo is likely to be registered with the Patent Office. It is expected *that* a condition of its use will be the payment of royalties to the fund.

John Slater, president of the Institute of Trade Mark Agents, welcomed the decision to commission an official trade mark and said that the institute was willing to provide free advice on how to register the logo worldwide as quickly as possible. "We cannot guarantee that unscrupulous traders will not try to cash in on this sad occasion but what we can do is ensure that the legal framework is in place to take action against them," he said.

The logo will help the fund to benefit from an anticipated huge *demand* for memorabilia. Halcyon Days Enamels, based in London, is to produce two enamel boxes with portraits of the Princess. Susan Benjamin, managing director, said: "We were not going to produce anything but we have been overwhelmed by hundreds of requests from all over the world. A significant proportion of the profits will be given to the fund."

A spokeswoman for Wedgwood, which has been making royal memorabilia for more than 200 years, said that it was considering a piece in memory of the Princess in *response to international* demand. Royal Worcester and Aynsley China are also considering the production of commemorative pieces. The fund has already given permission for Safeway to place collecting tins in 490 supermarkets.

Paul Fredericks, spokesman for the Charity Commission, which is advising the fund, added: "If individuals are suspicious of anybody collecting on behalf of a charity, but wish to support the cause, an effective way to ensure that their money reaches the charity is to donate direct to it."

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The BBC and PolyGram are planning to raise millions of pounds for charity by releasing a CD of the funeral service. *Diana, Princess of Wales: Recording of BBC Funeral Service* will include Earl Spencer's tribute. PolyGram aims to sell *more than 100,000* copies with profits going to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. The Spencer family has yet to give consent.

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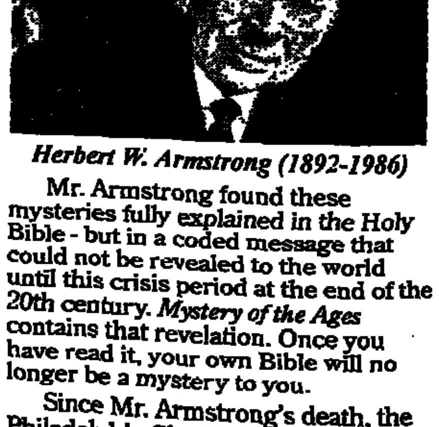

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Protect princes until 21, says press watchdog

Lord Wakeham is seeking to extend the voluntary ban on photographs of children, Damian Whitworth says

PRINCES William and Harry should be protected from the the media spotlight until they leave university, Lord Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission said yesterday.

He was pleased that there had been no "hounding" of the princes by British newspapers since an agreement was struck with Buckingham Palace two years ago. He said, however, that he was looking to extend protection for the princes until they finished their education around the age of 21.

Lord Wakeham also said that if the self-regulatory system was to meet public expectations, it must extend beyond the Royals to the public. However, he said he was against privacy legislation because he believed that it would mean less chance "of the ordinary guy on an ordinary budget" getting redress because of court costs. "The one thing I can say for certain about the PCC is it is quick and it is cheap. It costs nothing to complain to the PCC and that would disappear if there was a privacy law."

Lord Wakeham's comments came at a press conference at the London Press Club in his first public statement since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. The PCC's chairman has spoken to national newspaper editors by telephone and is touring offices to discuss revisions to the newspaper and media industry's code of practice in relation to privacy.

Next week he intends to hold a meeting with the PCC's Code of Practice committee, which is made up of representatives from the industry to discuss how best to revise the code. Lord Wakeham said that it was essential to make swift progress with the review, which will consider in particular the problem of the paparazzi "so dramatically and so tragically highlighted by the events of the last 10 days".

"Just over two years ago, before Prince William started his time at Eton, I set out the terms of a strict agreement between the Palace and the press on coverage of the young Prince studying at school," Lord Wakeham said. "That agreement — which applies as much to both the princes as it does to any other child — made clear that the terms of Clause 12 of the industry's Code of Practice on the reporting of children had to be observed absolutely, even with regard to the most high-profile young person. This agreement has been observed with the diligence I would expect from all editors.

"When they have been at school, there has never been any 'hounding' of either of the young royal princes by any newspapers. As editors across the industry have unanimously been making clear over the last few days, there never will be — and the Press Complaints Commission is there to ensure that.

"I should also make clear that, in my own personal view, that means respecting their privacy while they are studying beyond the age of 16 as well. Indeed, there should be no arbitrary age limit on their right to study and to grow up without intrusion into their privacy. This is an issue which I will strive to create unity across the industry.

"The responsibility shown by all editors in upholding the Code — even when the temptations are very great — shows the strength of self-regulation in practice. For, while there is of course a tremendous global market for pictures of this sort, all editors — national and regional — have shown great restraint over publishing any of them."

Lord Wakeham said he believed the deal relating to the princes pointed the way forward for editors and the PCC across a wider range of fronts. "As the Prime Minister rightly said on Sunday, things will never be the same again for any of us. I think all editors will heed those words, and will be thinking carefully about how they cover the private lives of all public figures.

"My concern — as always — is to ensure that the self-regulatory system meets public expectations. That means continuing to ensure protection not just to those in the public eye — but to ordinary people who from time to time find themselves in the headlamps of publicity.

"My concern today is rightly about Prince William and Prince Harry but my concern extends to all children who have a right to grow up free from intrusive journalism and it might be a question of us producing a separate note of guidance for children of public figures. By that I mean not only recognised public figures but people who are for one reason or another suddenly thrust into the public limelight."

Asked whether his proposed toughening of the code might prove inadequate once Prince William and Prince Harry began courting, he replied: "There are difficulties in the whole of this area and it would be crazy of me to say within a few days of this great tragedy I can solve all of these problems in a short time.". Other options Lord Wakeham said he was considering included tightening the requirement for editors to satisfy themselves that photographs from freelances had been obtained in circumstances which did not break the current code of practice on privacy.

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SIMON WALKER

Lord Wakeham addresses the London Press Club yesterday. The princes' privacy must be respected throughout their education, he said

Dahlias by royal request in bloom

By Eric Reguly

SPECIAL pink dahlias requested by the Princess two years ago have come into bloom in the garden of an amateur horticulturalist.

Robin Marks had intended to deliver the fully developed plants to her this month so that they could be grown at Kensington Palace. He now hopes they will be planted on the island at Althorp where she is buried.

Four years ago, Mr Marks wrote to the Home Office to get permission to develop a special dahlia for the Princess. He was told that she would like one in blood red, to be called the "Princess of Wales". The Royal Horticultural Society determined that the name had already been used for a dahlia from 1867. The conflict was resolved by naming the new dahlia "Countess of Chester", which was registered with the society in 1995.

Impressed by Mr Marks's effort, the Princess asked him during a meeting at Kensington Palace to develop another dahlia, this time in pink. The "Lady of the Isles", as it was called, was registered with the society in June last year. Mr Marks showed the prototype to the Princess two months later at Kensington Palace. "She wrote me a letter saying that she was very touched by all the effort I put into the dahlias," he said.

Mr Marks, 50, grew about 50 of the pink dahlias in his garden at Stillwaters, his house in Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire. When the Princess died, he took the half-a-dozen in bloom to Kensington Palace, where they were placed inside.

He has about 150 in bud and plans to sell them at £4 to £5 each, with a percentage of the proceeds going to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Marks with the two special dahlias

Shand Kydd denies rift

By A Staff Reporter

THE mother of the Princess yesterday added her voice to denials that there had been a rift between the Royal Family and the Spencers over the burial of her daughter.

In a hand-written statement to the Press Association, Frances Shand Kydd said: "This is a personal plea. I ask please that the two families which are William and Harry's blood relations may be sustained in our loving hopes and prayers of those two brave boys.

"There is no division, nor has there been, between their paternal and maternal relations. Grief has no agenda or timetable. Please I ask, personally, allow us individually and collectively to give William and Harry ourselves — and the hugs of the world."

Earl Spencer earlier denied that he clashed with Buckingham Palace over arrangements for his sister's funeral. "To suggest that there were divisions between royal officials and me in the period after my sister's death is so far from the truth as to be laughable," he said. "We were united in the aim of giving Diana a suitable funeral and all arrangements were agreed amicably between the Lord Chamberlain's office and myself."

Earl Spencer was responding to a *Channel 4 News* report of disagreements between the two families. It was claimed that the Prince of Wales was at the centre of bitter arguments with the Queen's senior aide within hours of the death of the Princess.

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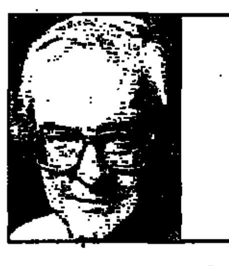
How the creation of the Union nearly came to grief



When Scotland's constitutional status was changed in 1707, it was by dint of manoeuvre, and before long the new arrangements hit trouble, ***Magnus Linklater*** *writes*

MANY of the passionate arguments that have dominated the 1997 campaign to create a Scottish parliament echo those heard when the last one was abolished, 290 years ago. What is less well known is how close the vote that led to the creation of the Union was — and how nearly the whole arrangement came to collapse.

Within just six years of its establishment the Earl of Seafield, who had commended the Union in the first place, was on his feet in the House of Lords proposing its dissolution. His motion was very narrowly defeated. The awful warning of 1707 is that the testing time for any new constitutional arrangement is not the day of decision itself but the bedding-in process that follows.

Union between Scotland and England was on the cards every since William and Mary were offered the Scottish Crown in 1689. In the following years the economic argument — as now — predominated. Scottish traders found their outlets to foreign ports denied by England's naval strength and an attempt to create a Scottish colony on the Darien peninsula had ended disastrously. But there was a strong sense too that continuing the status quo would ultimately be less stable than a new constitutional arrangement. Union, said Sir John Clerk of Penicuik, "is the best expedient to preserve the honour and liberties of Scotland".

That argument was bitterly opposed. The Scottish people were largely against, and a Union Treaty would have been defeated heavily in the Edinburgh parliament of the day. It took bribery and sharp practice in high quarters to manoeuvre a vote through. Just as Labour proposed an unexpected referendum in 1997 as a way of heading off opposition, so, in 1705, the Duke of Hamilton, apparently a doughty supporter of continuing independence, introduced a manoeuvre that would win a slim majority of members in support of the treaty.

He suggested that a commission to examine the terms of a possible Union be set up and headed by Queen Anne. It was a masterstroke — who could object to royalty taking a hand? A division was rushed through and carried late at night by just four votes. No one quite knows how it was done but one estimate suggests that £20,000 in bribes changed hands. The Duke himself was later appointed to the Order of the Thistle and the Garter and made ambassador in Paris.

Astonishingly, he managed to persuade the country that he remained a supporter of independence. When the Union formally came into being on May 1, two years later, a toothache conveniently prevented His Grace being in the House. Any parallels with John Major's diplomatic toothache at the time of Margaret Thatcher's loss of the Tory leadership are, of course, in deplorably bad taste.

As the old parliament came to an end Lord Seafield, the Chancellor of Scotland, proclaimed: "There's ane end of ane auld sang." But he agreed with the Duke of Roxburghe who described the Union's aims as: "Trade with most, Hanover with some, ease and security with others, together with a general aversion to civil discords. . ." Soon, however, came riots in Glasgow, rebellions in southwest Scotland, and a French invasion. Far from the Union leading to prosperity, the Scottish economy suffered badly to begin with. In the British Cabinet, the Scots were unrepresented and Scottish business largely ignored.

By 1713 Lord Seafield was convinced that the Union was not working and proposed a Bill to dissolve it. The Bill failed in the House of Lords by four votes. The treaty was not conclusively entrenched until after the failed Jacobite uprising of 1745. As the historian Michael Lynch comments: "Both the novelty and the half-baked appearance of the proto-British state led many in 1707 to believe they had embarked only on an experiment which might well be reversed."

And there, one trusts, any lingering similiarity with 1997 comes to an end.

Hague tells Scots to beware of Blair trap

By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent

WILLIAM HAGUE fought back last night against Tony Blair's devolution plans, saying that a Scottish parliament was a "dangerous trap" which would prise apart the United Kingdom.

In a speech to Conservative supporters in Glasgow, Mr Hague accused the Prime Minister of endangering Scotland's prosperity and preparing to hand power to Labour's "mob" north of the border. The Tory leader's two-day tour of Scotland had earlier been upstaged by Baroness Thatcher, who was visiting Glasgow.

In his lengthy speech to a Conservative rally at the University of Strathclyde, Mr Hague accused the Labour leadership of "wrapping themselves in the saltire and playing the playground bully" to win a double-yes vote in tomorrow's referendum. "This Government's campaign, using taxpayers' money, to portray opponents of a Scottish parliament as somehow less patriotic, or less Scottish, is a disgrace."

He ridiculed the Government's plan to give the parliament tax-varying powers and said it was nonsense for ministers to say that it would not raise taxes in its first few years. He illustrated the dangers of a different tax regime in Scotland with a tale caricaturing Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, and Mr Blair as travelling salesmen from Glasgow and Sedgefield.

The Conservative leader said allegations of sleaze against Scottish Labour officials showed that the party was not fit to govern in Scotland: "We've learnt what a thoroughly nasty institution the Scottish Labour Party really is. Labour politics in the 1990s is beginning to look more like the city hall politics of Chicago in the 1920s, except it is not as polite and democratic. Can you believe that this is the mob that wants to stand for the Scottish parliament and run a devolved government?"

The Conservatives believe that they are in a strong position to damage the Government in the Scottish referendum. A senior party source in Scotland said that they could not influence the first decision — whether a parliament should be established — but they had a fighting chance of victory on the second question — whether the parliament should be given tax-varying powers.

Mr Hague's speech came at the end of a day of frenetic campaigning in Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Stirling and Glasgow. He had lunch with pupils at the Royal High School in Edinburgh, where he received a polite but unenthusiastic welcome. His reception on the streets of Linlithgow, where only a few pensioners turned out, was dismal compared with the crowds that were attracted by Mr Blair's visit on Monday.

Mr Hague praised Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow and a staunch opponent of devolution, for his "tireless work" to stop a Scottish parliament.

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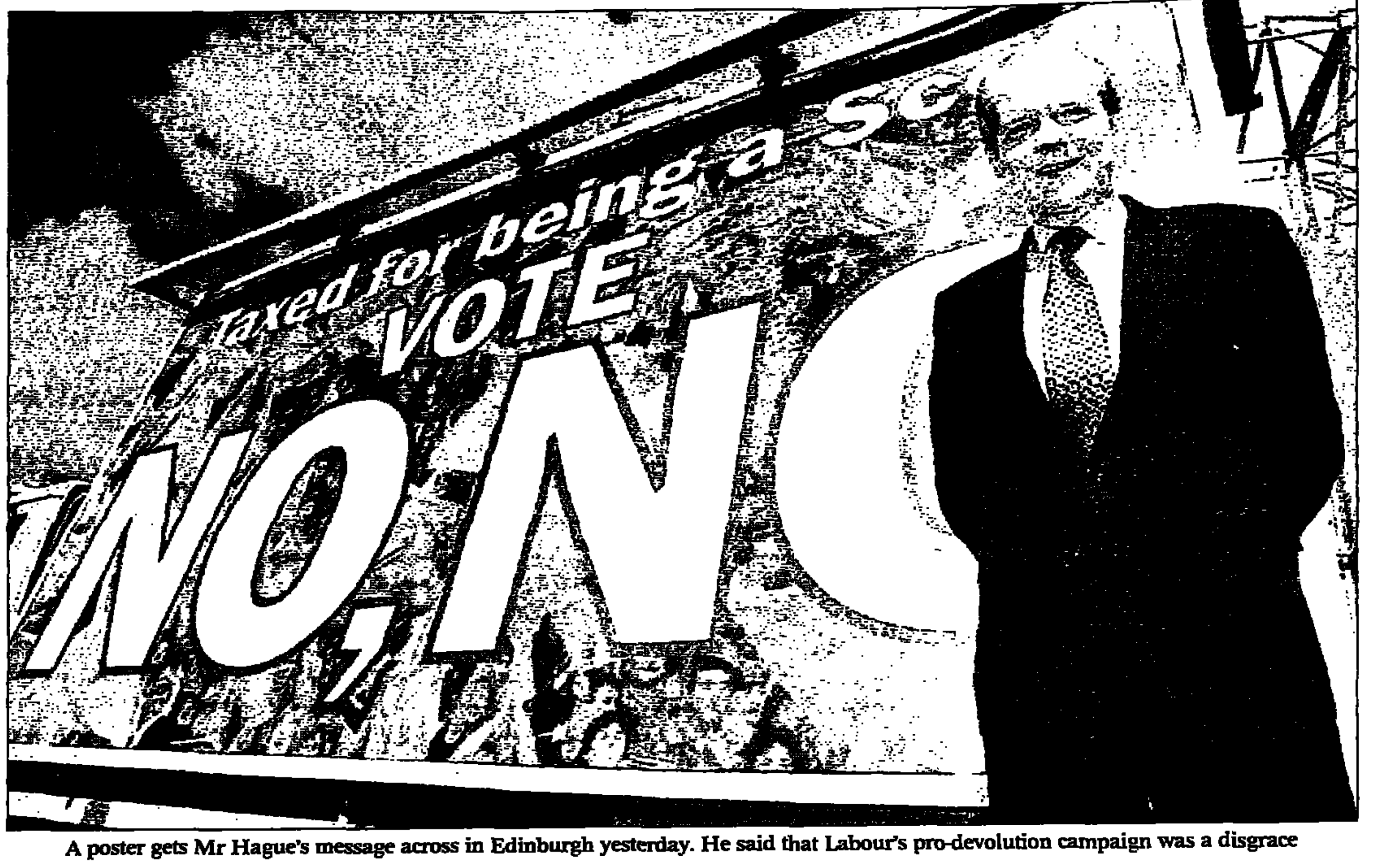

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A poster gets Mr Hague's message across in Edinburgh yesterday. He said that Labour's pro-devolution campaign was a disgrace

Thatcher sails into storm after American travel agents' booking

By Shirley English

BARONESS THATCHER breezed into Scotland yesterday and entered the devolution debate with gusto, upstaging the arrival of William Hague, the Conservative party leader.

As the Conservative and anti-devolution "Think Twice" group prepared to take its "no" campaign into top gear with the support of the Tory leader, Lady Thatcher stepped into the fray and threw their well-laid plans into disarray.

She had been invited to speak at the 67th world conference of the American Society of Travel Agents in Glasgow and in the process pick up a five-figure cheque from American Express, rumoured to be £70,000. But her appearance in Scotland, amid tight security, at such a crucial stage in the devolution debate caused some embarrassment in the "no" camp, which had privately been advising her not to speak out on home rule. As architect of the poll tax, Lady Thatcher is believed to be still deeply unpopular in Scotland.

In an interview with *The Scotsman*, published ahead of Mr Hague's arrival yesterday morning, Lady Thatcher called on Scots to vote "no" tomorrow. The Government's devolution plans were a "negation of our shared history and and abdication of our joint future", she said. "Scots could do no greater service to their country than to reject them."

Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish Nationalists, said: "Just William arrives in Glasgow to find his headmistress is already there. She is the living memorial as to why Scots want their own parliament." Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, campaigning in Dundee, said that Mr Hague had been upstaged by the haunting shadow of Lady Thatcher. "Together they will do as much for the 'yes, yes' vote as our own supporters."

Lady Thatcher: highlight of one woman's week

Yesterday, Lady Thatcher's agent said that the clash with Mr Hague was an unfortunate coincidence. The diary commitment was agreed more than a year ago, she said, adding that Lady Thatcher's fee would probably be donated to her favourite charities.

Meanwhile the 5,000 travel delegates, mainly Americans, were surprised to find their conference thrust into the political spotlight. They had come to Glasgow to exchange business cards and to talk about staffing strategies, protecting world monuments and "selling satisfaction". Yesterday, they were being asked by journalists about their views on Lady Thatcher's intervention in Scotland's constitutional debate.

"She's such a gutsy lady. We need someone like her in the US," said an uncomprehending David Ranns, 54, from Stiles in Travel, California, brandishing a copy of *USA Today* which carried the headline Scotland Vote May Further Erode Empire.

Rather confused, he continued: "She's for this devolution thing, yeah? My dad was born in Wales. I believed that each country should have their own home rule."

It was not until 12.20pm that Lady Thatcher stepped on stage in the new Clyde Auditorium, known locally as the armadillo because of its shape. She was given a standing ovation even before she uttered a word.

Following her brief, she spoke for 50 minutes about world affairs, about the handover of Hong Kong and terrorism in the Middle East. She confessed her admiration for Bette Davis and praised Yitzhak Rabin, whose widow Leah had addressed the conference the previous day. She defied expectations by never once mentioning Scotland or home rule.

Her only oblique reference came at the end, when she concluded: "We tend to think of democracy as the will of the majority, expressed in elections freely held. My friends, democracy is about more than that. A vote, a majority vote, won't make something that is fundamentally wrong right. It won't turn what is true into an untruth."

Afterwards, Bebe Hess, 75, from Houston, Texas, was ecstatic. "She is such a fabulously learned woman," she said, waiting outside the International Conference Centre to watch the baroness leave in her chauffeur-driven car. "She's been the highlight of my week."

Two more Labour MPs defy party on Wales

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

REBEL anti-devolution Labour MPs in Wales are ready to defy the Government in the run-up to the referendum vote.

Discussions have been going on between the MPs to stage a joint meeting to publicise their opposition to a Welsh assembly before the vote on Thursday next week. Two more South Wales Labour MPs broke ranks with the party over devolution yesterday. Alan Williams, MP for Swansea West, and Allan Rogers, MP for Rhondda, made clear they would vote "no" in the referendum.

Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, said that anti-devolutionists would have no serious impact on the campaign. Polls show Welsh voters two to one in favour of an assembly.

Mr Williams was a junior Minister in the Callaghan administration and was strongly opposed to devolution when the issue was raised in 1979. He wished to make no further comment yeserday.

However Mr Rogers confirmed that he would campaign against devolution.

He said: "I am definitely voting 'no'. I have tried to get ministers to compromise over the Welsh assembly but have not succeeded. I am in favour of devolution and believe in taking democracy to the lowest possible level.

"If it is good enough for Wales and Scotland why is it not good enough for the English regions? Ministers say that will come later. The proposals are a response to the nationalists in Scotland and Wales. A non-legislative, non-tax-raising body as proposed in Wales does not address the democratic deficit. The Government is not even going to abolish the powerful quangos. Adding another layer of bureaucracy does not make them democratic. Another political quango is not an answer to the problem."

Mr Rogers said he would not ally himself with the official "no" campaign but was not going to keep quiet. "If you cannot speak your mind on important issues then you might as well pack up in politics."

Sir Raymond Powell, MP for Ogmore, and Llewellyn Smith, MP for Blaenau Gwent, have already confirmed they will vote against a Welsh assembly.

Skirl of the pipes drowns out Tories

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The glee with which the supporters of devolution yesterday greeted the intervention of Margaret Thatcher on the opposition side shows how isolated and out of touch the Tories now appear to many in Scotland. The Tories — and the Think Twice campaign — have a case and, on his visit yesterday to Edinburgh and Glasgow, William Hague raised important questions that will not go away. But the Tories, for the moment, lack credibility in Scotland after their wipe-out on May 1.

The response in Scotland, at least of the media and centre-left politicians, to Lady Thatcher's warning on the dangers of devolution was of celebration. *The Scotsman* accompanied her article with a commentary by Iain MacWhirter, its political columnist, and a leader both saying that her remarks were a gift to home-rule advocates.

Lady Thatcher was never popular in Scotland: she appeared too English and her distinctive free market rhetoric clashed with the collectivists attitudes of many north of the border. Above all, she was disliked because of the poll tax, which was ignominiously launched in Scotland a year before the rest of the country.

Thatcherism, and Lady Thatcher herself, underlined the political distance between London and Edinburgh and helped to revive the flagging devolution cause from the late 1980s. So her remarks yesterday were being presented by the supporters of devolution as personifying their case. I think they exaggerate. Lady Thatcher may be a hate figure to many in Scotland but she is still admired by a minority and she may have persuaded some among the hard core of Tories to go to the polls tomorrow.

But her remarks, and her visit to Glasgow, did not please the opponents of devolution, not least because they overshadowed the delayed visit by Mr Hague. As always, the Tory leader was affable and fluent in his appearances but he somehow seemed irrelevant. He struggled to excite some pupils at the Royal High School, Edinburgh. But their thoughts may have been more on lunch than the West Lothian question. Mr Hague's case was that the referendum was being rushed; that if the Labour leaders were not going to use the tax-varying powers, why have them at all; and that the proposals would weaken rather than strengthen accountability. So his message was: "Look before you leap."

An SNP piper plays at the border yesterday

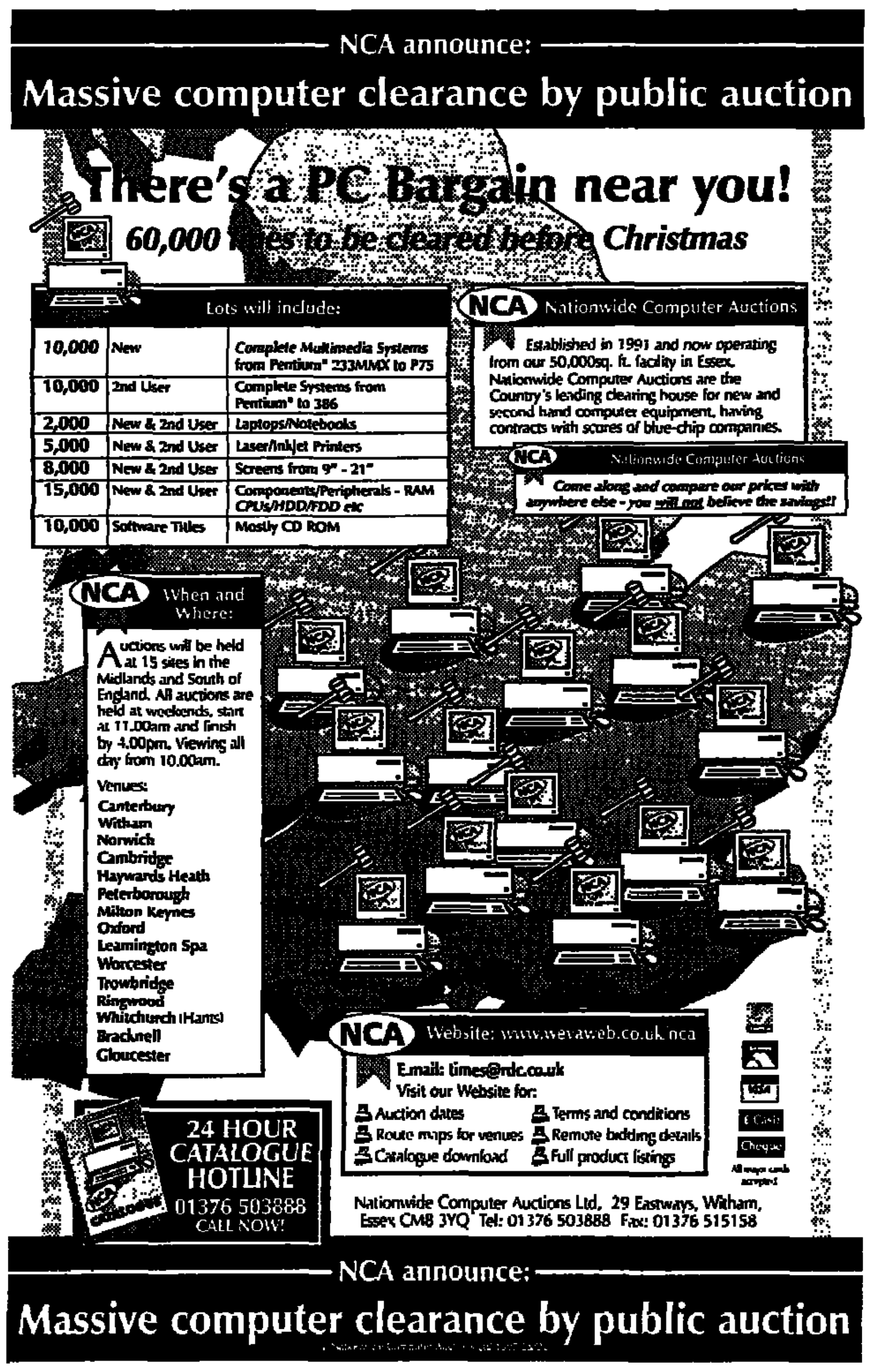
Both Mr Hague and the Think Twice campaign are battling against an apparently decided and unshiftable public mood. A majority of the Scottish public wants a devolved parliament and probably also backs tax-varying powers (as did the pupils of the Royal High School by a similar margin to recent polls). Of course, there are many unresolved questions which Mr Hague raised but the public seems to be saying that these are for the future.

The public face of the Think Twice campaign is unconvincing — the only Tory MPs are those who have lost their seats in Scotland and returned to the Commons as English MPs, like Michael Ancram, or defeated MPs who have become peers, like Peter Fraser.

In the short term, there is little the Tories can do. Their rout on May 1 leaves them on the margins for the time being — Cassandras without a single constituency to their name.

The time for a counterattack will be later, in the elections for the Scottish parliament in 1999. Thanks to the proposals for a proportional system of election, the Tories should gain a sizeable presence in the new parliament. Meanwhile, all they can do is go through the motions in the referendum and repeat their warnings. The Scottish public is not yet ready to listen to the Tories, least of all to Lady Thatcher. They are battling against the spirit of the times in Scotland at present.

PETER RIDDELL



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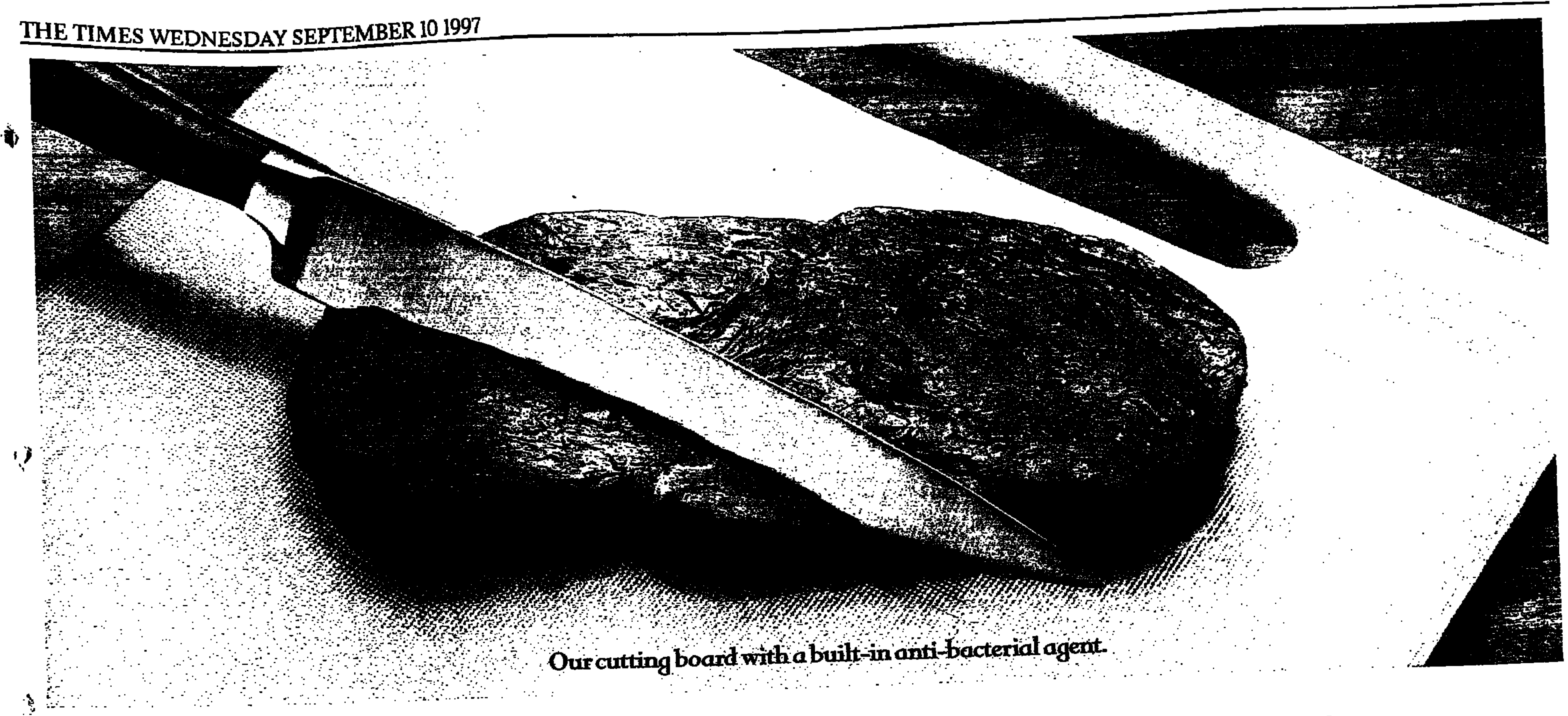

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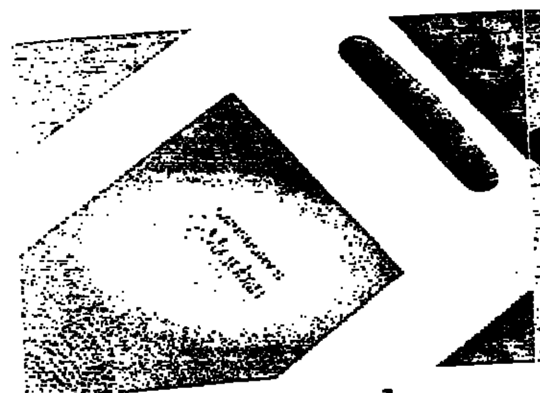

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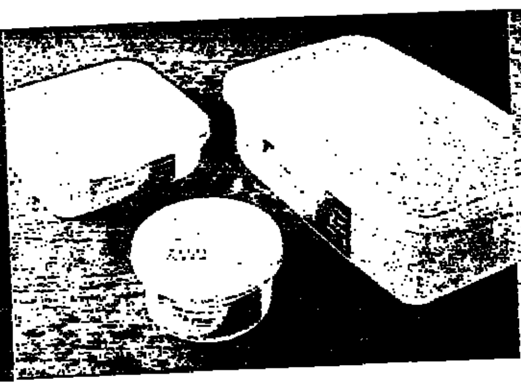

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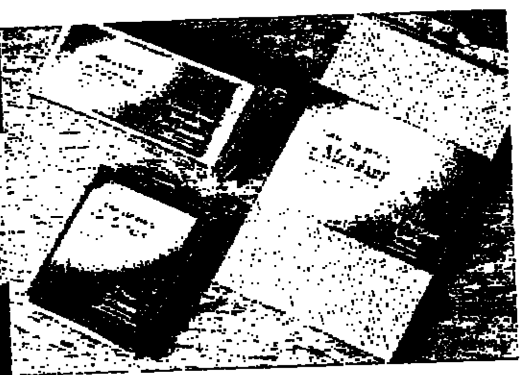

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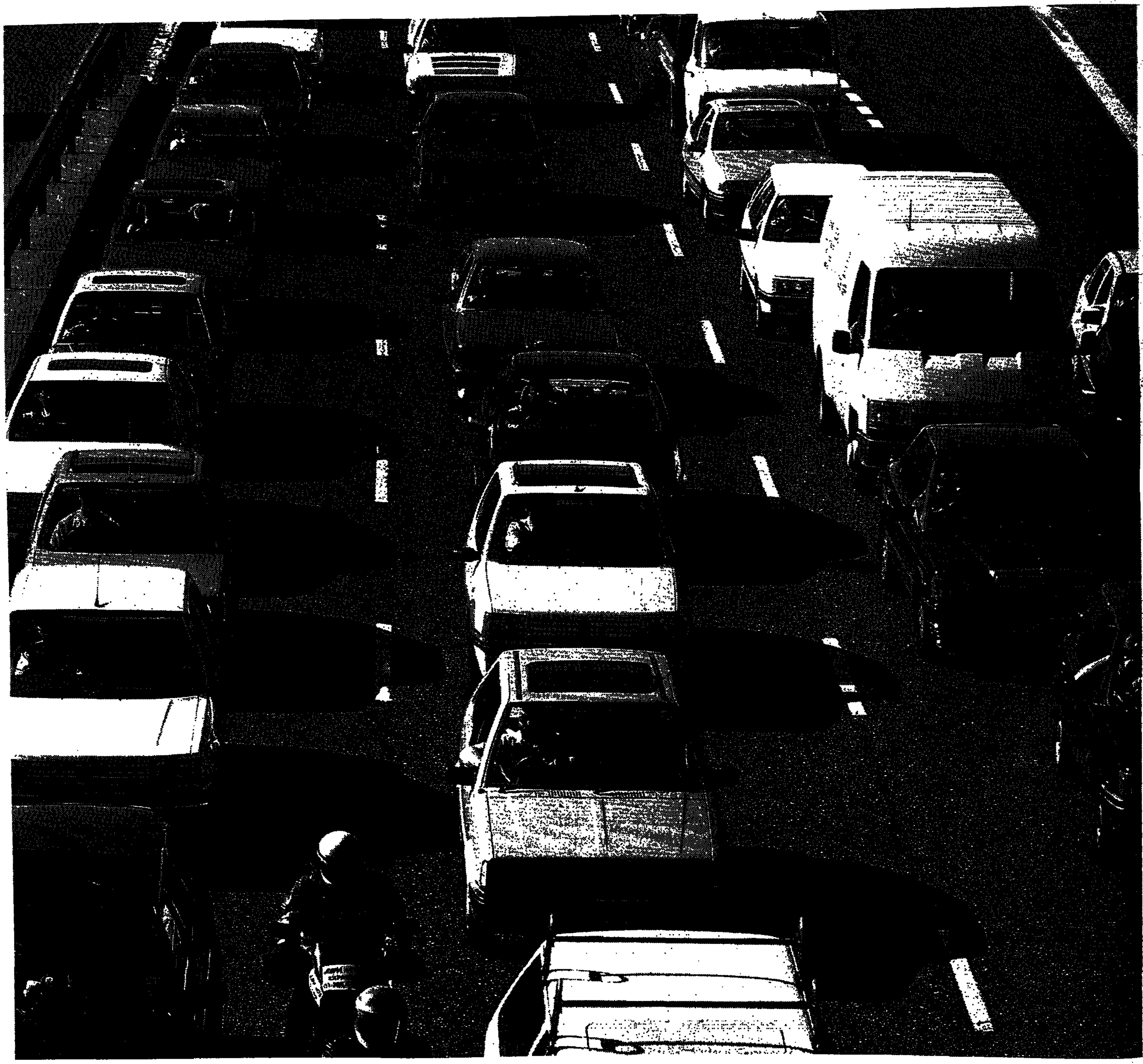

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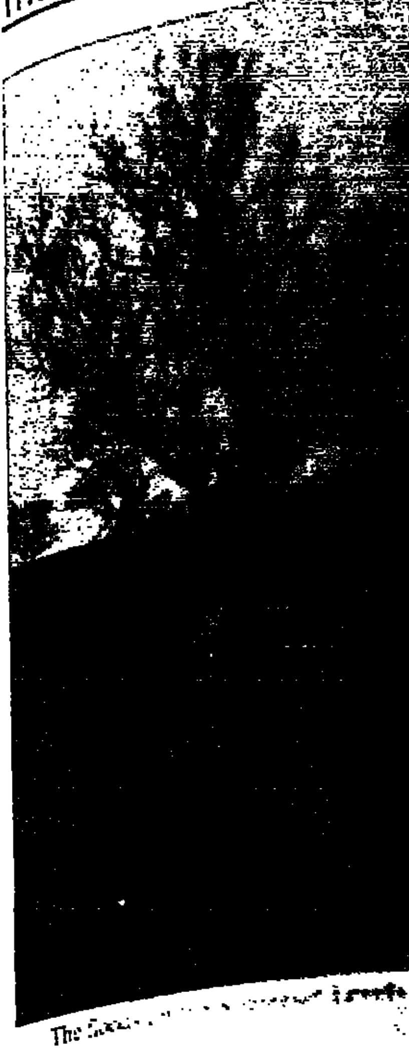

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The floods on the Somerset Levels last month. They have created a wasteland as the water turned toxic in the heatwave that followed

Poison floods recede to reveal lifeless landscape

Farmers seek compensation amid fears for the environment, writes **Simon de Bruxelles**

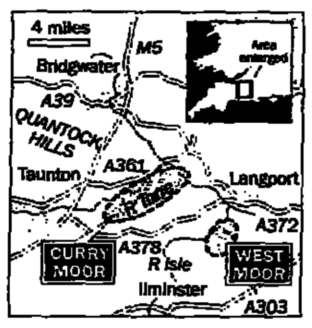
BLACK pools of evil-smelling water still disfigure one of Britain's most fragile landscapes, five weeks after the worst summer floods for 30 years.

The extent of the disaster which hit parts of the Somerset Levels, the country's most important and heavily protected expanse of low-lying grassland, is only now becoming clear as the waters recede.

Thousands of acres of meadows, rich in wildlife, have been transformed into a sea of mud in which not a living thing remains. Scores of small farmers in the two areas worst affected face economic hardship. Environmentalists fear that rare plants, animals and insects found nowhere else in Britain will take years to recover on the Levels, which were once impenetrable marshland stretching from the Bristol Channel almost to the Wiltshire borders. By the 19th century an intricate network of drainage ditches had turned much of them into prime agricultural land.

Disaster struck at the beginning of August when four days of torrential rain was swiftly followed by a heatwave. The warm weather caused the lush vegetation to rot, turning the floodwaters into a toxic soup so lethal to wildlife that it could not be pumped into the many rivers flowing through the region without killing everything in them.

The Environment Agency, which was responsible for clearing up the mess, took the controversial decision to wait before draining an estimated 50 million gallons of flood water from the fields. Two weeks ago it began the task of treating the water with exact quantities of hydrogen peroxide to return its oxygen levels to normal before pumping it back into the rivers.



Tens of thousands of fish died in the two areas worst affected, Curry Moor, east of Taunton, and West Moor, south of Langport. Their bodies littered the fields adding to the general smell.

Larger creatures such as otters, which have lost their main supply of food, and birds that live off insects have been forced to forage elsewhere, according to Michael Woodhouse, Somerset team leader for English Nature. He said: "We won't be able to gauge the full impact of the damage until spring. Curry Moor is not so badly damaged. What it needs is some heavy autumn rain to flush the black water out of the ditches. West Moor is giving more cause for concern, although I am optimistic that the plants and invertebrates will recolonise, given time."

Sir David Naish, the president of the National Farmers Union, who visited the worst-affected areas yesterday, is expected to add to calls for extra flood defences and compensation for the worst-hit farmers. Many farmers will claim that the Environment Agency was at fault for not pumping the water off their land before the grass began to rot. They are also angry because the pumps that were turned on quickly became clogged, a problem they believe should have been forseen.

Julian Temperley, a farmer from Kingsbury Episcopi, who believes he has lost a dozen sheep that drank contaminated water, said: "Between them, 30 farmers own 500 acres of West Moor. These are not corn barons and the long-term effect of this natural disaster will be serious hardship.

"The days have long gone when a farmer could hold out his hand and a cheque would be placed in it, but there has to be some degree of co-operation between the farmers and agencies and so far there has been none."

Country life is not so sweet for townies

By Ian Murray

THE pungent smells of the countryside are getting up the nose of city-dwellers who move out to live in what they believe will be a quiet rural setting. They are bombarding environmental health officers with complaints about natural farmyard smells.

The number who rang their local authority to protest about "agricultural odours" last year rose by 19 per cent to 9,005, according to a report issued yesterday by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. Simon Williams, its spokesman, said: "It would appear that when people move from urban areas, they have ideas that country is clean and noiseless. But this idea is rapidly put to rest by farmyard smells, the noise of farm machinery and cockerels crowing. These people do not realise that the country can be as noisy and smelly as towns."

Tegwyn Jones, environmental health manager for South Somerset District Council, said: "It's wrong to expect to live in the country and expect it to be odour free. People have to realise that when you live in the country you are surrounded by a modern agricultural industry."

He believes that smells on farms have become fouler in past few years because farming has become more intensive. "The pig and poultry farms are getting smellier," he said.

A spokesman for the National Farmers' Union said: "We feel everyone in the countryside has to learn to co-operate and live together. We believe the influx in people from towns to the country has contributed to the rise in complaints. Part of that is not being accustomed to farmyard smells." He said union members were usually not doing anything wrong. "Out of the 9,000 complaints last year there were just two prosecutions and 60 cases of notices served to clear up the cause of the nuisance. To avoid trouble in future we urge our members to follow our code of good practice, such as disposing of manure downwind."

Under environmental health legislation farmers are expected to do everything practical to eliminate smells but if they persist at an unreasonable level they can be prosecuted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Murdered woman's handbag discovered

The handbag of Rachel Barraclough was found yesterday in undergrowth three quarters of a mile from where the teenager's body was discovered on Sunday. Nothing had been taken from the bag, ruling out robbery as a motive for the attack.

Miss Barraclough, 18, was stabbed to death at Heath Common, near Wakefield. She was not sexually assaulted and police believe that she probably knew the killer. She had travelled from her home in Bradford, where she lived with her parents, to visit a nightclub in Wakefield with friends.

Husband bailed

Gordon Park, charged with the murder of his former wife Carol, whose body was found in Coniston Water, was released on bail yesterday on condition he lives at an address in Manchester, observes a 10pm-7am curfew and reports to police twice a week.

NVQs pass test

Companies are at last showing enthusiasm for National Vocational Qualifications, the work-based study schemes. A study by the Confederation of British Industry of 40 companies showed "overwhelming support" for NVQs, introduced in 1988.

Fireman banned

A fireman who crashed his engine on the way to a 999 call was yesterday banned from driving. Teddy Thomson, 40, who was injured in the accident, pleaded guilty to recklessly driving the vehicle at 50mph in a 40mph zone on the Aberdeen ring road.

Stowaways held

Two Sri Lankan stowaways are being questioned by immigration officers after they were seen in difficulties in the Solent at Southampton. They jumped over the side of a container ship moored in the harbour and were rescued by two fishermen.

In the doghouse

A policeman called to a shop after a stray labrador walked in and began eating dog biscuits found the animal was his own pet. The dog had slipped out of PC Bill De Gaunza's house in Oundle, Northamptonshire, while the front door was being painted.

One last port

A British tourist in Ibiza woke up on a fishing boat bound for mainland Spain after drinking with friends. Neil Hynes, 22, a lorry driver, helped the crew until he landed on the Costa Blanca, where police decided he had committed no offence.

Dieting makes you dimmer, if not slimmer

By Ian Murray, Medical Correspondent

DIETERS use up so much brainpower thinking about food that their working memory capacity shrinks, according to psychologists. The researchers found that a desire to eat created a form of anxiety that made it difficult to complete tasks efficiently.

Earlier research has shown that worry about weight and eating can be counterproductive and that dieting may lead to psychological problems, manifested in an increase in alcohol consumption, laxative abuse or vomiting.

Tests have also shown that crash dieters do not perform tasks as well as those who habitually restrict food intake to maintain their weight.

After a series of tests on 69 women undergraduates aged 18 to 35, psychologists from the Institute of Food Research at Reading concluded that the mental rather than the physical stress of dieting was responsible for poor performance by those trying to lose weight.

"Dieting to lose weight is associated with an increase in thoughts about food, urges to eat and a general preoccupation with food-related cognitions," the researchers write in the *British Journal of Health Psychology* published today.

The researchers concentrated on women because they consider that dieting "is an activity which for many women can become a major preoccupation". That was true of only a few men.

The women were divided into three groups: dieters, those who habitually restricted their food intake and those who ate what they liked. A series of questions discovered that those on diets were found to be up to five times more anxious to eat and nearly twice as hungry as those who restricted their intake.

In memory tests the dieters came out consistently worse than the others, even though they showed a similar ability to concentrate. There was no evidence that the dieters were less motivated to perform well. The study concludes that thoughts about food and a greater desire to eat probably reduces the capacity of the memory.

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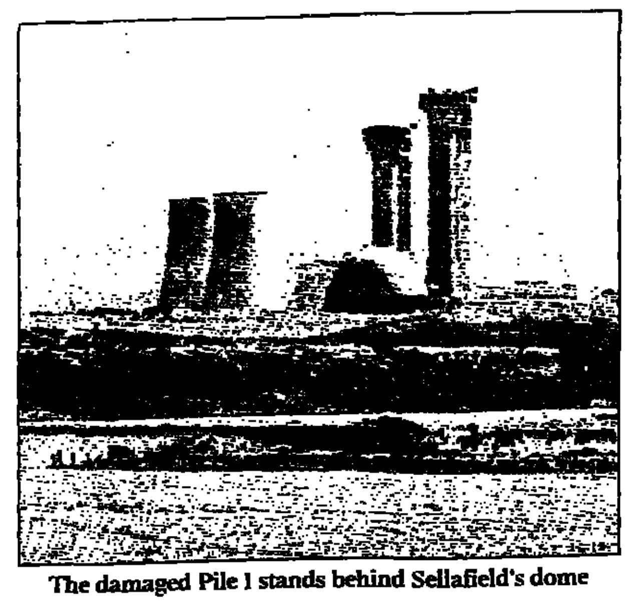
The damaged Pile 1 stands behind Sellafield's dome

Russell Jenkins reports on the launching of an eight-year project to uncover Sellafield's entombed nuclear fuel rods at a cost of £54m

WORK to dismantle the damaged atomic reactor responsible for the Windscale fire in 1957 will take eight years and cost £54 million.

The UK Atomic Energy Authority announced the appointment yesterday of a consortium led by BNFL to remove, process and store fuel rods sealed inside Windscale Pile 1 and its 400ft chimney, which spewed a plume of radioactive iodine across Cumbria.

The fire on October 10, 1957, at Windscale Atomic Works, since renamed Sellafield, remains Britain's worst nuclear accident and in world terms second only to the meltdown at Chernobyl. It started when the fuel rods overheated. Emergency services tried to cool the fire with water, releasing large amounts of radioactive steam and smoke in a southwesterly direction from the Cumbrian coast. Although the plume of smoke could be seen from miles away, the people of nearby Seascale were not warned of the dangers from nuclear fallout for more than a day.

The authorities swiftly reassured residents and farmers that there was nothing to be alarmed about and that the cloud had blown harmlessly out to sea. However, milk from the surounding area was tested to be six times the legal limit for radio-iodine and its sale was banned.

Residents, believed to have been subjected to many times the acceptable limit of radioactivity, have blamed dozens of deaths from leukaemia, bone marrow and thyroid cancers on the fire.

Windscale Pile 1, now encased in a corrugated iron shell, was a primitive air-cooled graphite reactor, turning uranium bars into weapons-grade plutonium for Britain's early atomic bomb programme. Up to 15 tonnes of nuclear fuel cartridges are estimated to be trapped inside the core. Experts are unsure how damaged it is.

The reactor was mothballed for care and maintenance but the concrete shield has grown increasingly unstable with age. The contract, which comes 11 years after plans were first mooted, was officially signed in front of press photographers assembled on the top of the pile cap. They were standing on 2,000 tonnes of machined graphite blocks assembled in a hexagonal stack, 50ft in diameter and 25ft long, surrounded by a biological shield of 7ft-thick reinforced concrete.

The consortium, led by BNFL and aided by Nukem and Rolls-Royce Nuclear Engineering Services, will envelope the core in inert argon gas to prevent any threat of fire. Four robotic arms called heavy-duty manipulators, driven into the core at each corner, will be used to remove the fuel. Workers will operate the arms remotely, guided by television monitors, to place radioactive waste into skips.

Preparatory work to isolate the bioshield, provide a filtered ventilation system and decontaminate the surrounds has been going on for four years. Remote-control robots, like those used for bomb disposal, have cleared broken fuel rods from air ducts. "Swimming" robots have retrieved material from water ducts.

Barry Hickey, head of decommissioning at Sellafield, gave an assurance that the work, which will create up to 200 jobs, is safe. He said it would be monitored and approved at every stage by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate.

He said that the original accident and the response of the authorities should be viewed in the context of the time, when Britain was anxious to play a role in the Cold War as a nuclear power. "There were a lot of valuable lessons learnt and they were put into effect," he said.

The stereotypes that make scientists mad

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

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Maddening scientists: Dr Strangelove, Mr Spock, *Back to the Future* and *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*

MR SPOCK, the ice-cold rationalist of the starship *Enterprise*, is doing a disservice to science. *Star Trek's* pointy-eared problem-solver portrays a dangerous stereotype of the scientist as an emotionless half-human without a moral sense, a psychologist told the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Spock is dangerous because he elevates the cult of the rational and dismisses the role of emotion," Helen Haste, of the University of Bath, said. "Real scientists don't lack emotion, nor are they detached from normal human values. The danger is that this stereotype is very off-putting, especially to young people."

Spock is not alone: writers and directors employ stereotypes for almost every scientist on film and television. Mr Spock and Dr Strangelove are brothers under the skin.

Dr Haste has identified popular stereotypes, all inimical to a proper understanding of science. She said that the mad scientist, an evil usurper of God's power, goes back to Faust and found his most enduring expression as Mary Shelley's Frankenstein.

The hero scientist, prominent in Jules Verne and Conan Doyle, and more recently encapsulated by Indiana Jones, is an adventurer in the physical and intellectual world, equipped with courage, determination and open-minded rationality. Many scientists are content with this stereotype but Dr Haste is not: "It implies that science is the saviour, all-powerful to put things right. That raises expectations that cannot be met."

The absent-minded professor makes mistakes through over-enthusiasm but eventually redeems the situation. The *Back to the Future* film series and *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* are recent examples of the genre, which requires the protagonist to be a classic nerd whose good intentions are not matched by a fully developed realisation of their moral implications.

Two further categories are the helpless scientist, well-intentioned but the victim of malevolent governments or situations beyond his control, and the scientist as an idealist, much employed in the novels of H. G. Wells.

"What we need are ordinary scientists in television and films," Dr Haste told the association's annual meeting in Leeds. "Scientists are wonderfully ordinary people, with the same values and instincts as everybody else."

She stopped short of recommending that a scientist become part of the cast of *Eastenders* but said there was no reason why soap opera characters should not discuss scientific issues in a down-to-earth way, rather than the polarised "miracle or threat" that passes for debate when scientific developments are discussed.

Dr Haste acknowledged that the stereotypes would be hard to stop and carried "emotional and moral baggage" that reflected deep anxieties about science and the people who became scientists.

If the public understanding of science was to be improved, she said, those concerns, and their cultural origins, had to be understood. "You can't deal with malaria by haranguing the mosquitoes," she said. "If we are to correct misperceptions about science, we have first to understand them. "

"We need to normalise science and scientists. The cultural images polarise the evil and ineffectual, and the heroic idealists. We cannot, and probably should not, try to minimise concerns about unintended consequences of science and technology but we can find ways of taking responsibility for both their causes and their remedies and recognise that science cannot take place outside its social and cultural context."

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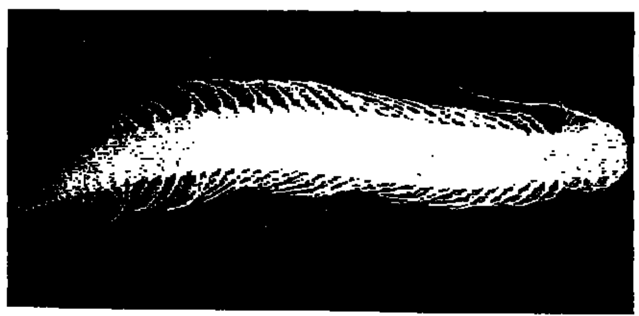
JOHN HOULIHAN

The Majorca cave that was about to be used as a sewage sump for an hotel

New species found in holiday island cave

A FLOODED cave discovered by accident on Majorca contains many species new to science, the association meeting was told.

Professor Geoff Boxshall, of the Natural History Museum, said that the cave was festooned with the richest array of stalagmites and stalagtites he has ever seen. "Yet it was discovered by workmen who were digging a sump into which they were going to pump, untreated, the sewage and waste water from a new hotel."


One of the unclassified creatures found in the cave

The threat has been averted, he hopes, but he is still sworn to secrecy over the cave's exact location. It is in the south-eastern corner of the island, near the resort of Cala d'Or. He told the meeting that he recently spent eight hours swimming through the cave, which was like "a forest of stalagtites" with caverns as high as 60ft and extending for several kilometres beneath hotels and holiday villas near Cala Pi.

Working with a Spanish colleague, Dr Damiá Jaume, he set bait traps in the cave and caught a range of new species of crustaceans. The caves, which are not directly connected to the sea, are filled with water that feeds through rock fissures.

The creatures collected include a new species of freshwater shrimp, which lives in the deepest recesses of the cave, where the water is brackish rather than salt, and several species of copepods, smaller shrimps known as the "insects of the sea" and about the size of a grain of rice.

The creatures are blind — sight would be of little use to them because the caves are dark — and they find their food by homing in on chemical signals. They have enlarged sensors on their antennae to enable them to detect the molecules diffusing through the water that indicate the whereabouts of food.

The cave was discovered about a year ago and legal moves to give it protected status are almost completed, Professor Boxshall said. To convince Spanish government officials of its value, one was persuaded to take a swim through the cave.

Majorca is not the only holiday island with caves full of unique species, he said. In the Canaries, Bermuda and the Bahamas similar caves have been explored and all have species never before identified. All are under potential threat because of holiday development.

The heavy price of mobile phones

THE mobile phone has saved the average user ten miles of walking a year, an obesity expert said yesterday.

It may not sound like much, but combined with other aspects of lazy modern living, the mobile phone is helping to fuel an explosion of obesity, according to Dr Andrew Prentice of the Dunn Clinical Nutrition Centre.

Television remote controls, computers, escalators, lifts and power steering in cars were other examples of technology contributing to the paradox that although people ate less than in the past, they were getting fatter.

Bad diet alone could not explain the rise in obesity, Dr Prentice said. During the 20th century the average weight of adults in Britain had increased by almost 10 kg (22 lb) and the number of clinically obese people had more than doubled since 1980.

High fat consumption was partly to blame but the problem could largely be put down to labour-saving devices, Dr Prentice told the association.

Satellites in water hunt

Satellites are coming to the aid of the Bedouin tribesmen. Researchers are using satellite images to detect areas of desert rich in moisture.

Each winter the Bedouin of Jordan and their animals cross the desert in search of food. Kevin Tansey, of Leicester University, said scientists were looking to see if images from the European Space Agency's remote sensing satellites can help.

He is devising a computer prediction system able to advise the Bedouin on areas, after rainfalls, with moisture levels to produce feed plants. Portable satellite dishes could then relay the information to the tribesmen.

New clue to climate

Climate changes in the past 15,000 years are reflected in fossilised midges, a study of two lakes in Scotland shows.

Changes to the size and composition of the midge population have disclosed occasions when average summer temperatures changed markedly in a short space of time. Today, such changes could devastate agriculture and affect water supplies. Fossilised midge larvae held in sediments at Whitrig Bog and Lochan Uaine were studied.

Dr Steve Brooks, of the Natural History Museum, addressing the British Association, said the results would be used to improve forecasts of climate change.

Snow 'gives science a bad name'

THE legacy of C. P. Snow and his "ignorant certainty" about the existence of two cultures — one scientific, the other artistic — dogs the intellectual life of Britain, a historian of science told the meeting.

C.P. Snow

Snow had disproved his own theory by continuing to be taken seriously, a testimony to the importance of science in British culture, said David Edgerton, director of the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine at Imperial College, London.

He said Snow's controversial lecture, *Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution*, was still in print 38 years after it was delivered, and the writer was still widely cited in academic journals. "Snow is still the first reference point for popular discussion of science in Britain," Dr Edgerton said.

Yet Snow, who died in 1980 at the age of 74, had been profoundly wrong, Dr Edgerton said. He had disproved the theory himself, being a man renowned as both a novelist and a physicist as well as a senior civil servant, and had given no evidence for the claims he made. Snow ignored the fact that by 1959, when he gave the lecture, more students in Britain were studying science and technology than arts and social sciences.

Britain was not deficient in graduates in engineering and science compared with France and Germany. Also, Snow's portrayal of 19th-century science as a northern activity despised by the "cultured" south had ignored swaths of engineers and scientists including Charles Babbage and Michael Faraday.

"Snow has no explanation for the rise of British science; only for its failure to exist," Dr Edgerton said. "We should take Snow not as a guide to the problem, but as examplary of the poverty of commentary on science in 20th-century Britain."

Snow, he said, "is a good example of the declinist whingeing about traditional British culture which remains very popular among scientists and engineers". But fresh voices were appearing and there was growing recognition that complaining about the state of science and engineering was not helping to attract students or recognition.

"For science and technology, Snow is part of the problem, not the solution," Dr Edgerton concluded.

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Mubarak warns Netanyahu of alienated Arabs rallying to Iran

By Christopher Walker

THE gravity of the security crisis facing Madeleine Albright in the *Middle* East was highlighted yesterday in two personal messages to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, from President Mubarak of Egypt, one warning that the peace process is "going down the drain".

According to *Haaretz*, the Tel Aviv newspaper, the first part of the diplomatic broadside was an angry seven-page letter: the second, *delivered through an unnamed* intermediary this week, gave a verbal warning about the dangers that lie ahead *in the region.*

The American Secretary of State, who arrives in the region today, is due to visit Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia and will concentrate *on trying to rescue the deadlocked* peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Sources quoted Mr Mubarak as asking Mr Netanyahu in the verbal *message:* "What will happen in the Arab world if there is a feeling that *Iran is becoming* more moderate as a result of the election of [President Mohammad] Khatami in contrast to Israel where there is a feeling of growing extremism? The result could be a trend of co-operation with Iran. Can Egypt stop this trend without a peace process?"

Mr Mubarak, regarded as one of the more moderate Arab leaders, added that if "there was no movement towards peace in the coming months, it could cause a strategic change in the *Middle* East with negative results for all moderate forces." The Egyptian leader, a noted opponent of Muslim extremists, said: "All that was built by the last Israeli *Government* is going down the drain."

The current deadlock in the peace talks began in March when Israel started building a settlement for 32,000 *Jews in annexed east* Jerusalem. The situation has deteriorated with five suicide bomb attacks in Jerusalem *since* July 30 in which 20 Israelis have been killed and scores more injured.

Haaretz said the verbal message came after a "stinging" letter from Mr Mubarak last week in which he chided the Israeli leader over the *case of Azam Azam,* an Israeli Druze convicted this month in Cairo of spying for Israel. Mr Netanyahu denied that he was a spy and publicly described the verdict and the 15-year *sentence as* "twisted". He urged Mr Mubarak to pardon the Druze.

"*One citizen cannot* ignore 62 million citizens," Mr Mubarak told the Israeli leader with a sharpness that reflects the deep gulf existing between Israel and Egypt. "You are not the only one who has a domestic public opinion."

Mr Mubarak also referred to an incident, not previously disclosed, in which an Israeli businessman suspected of spying was secretly deported from Egypt. This occurred *three months before the* arrest of Azam last year on the eve of a crucial Israeli-Arab economic conference.

The Egyptian leader, regarded by America as the main Arab conduit for keeping the peace process alive, criticised Mr Netanyahu's office for using the Azam verdict as a basis on which to *condemn the Egyptian legal* system. Mr Mubarak also criticised David Bar-Illan, Mr Netanyahu's communications director.

Yesterday, Mr Bar-Illan said he had *no information* about the message quoted by *Haaretz*, but confirmed that a letter from Mr Mubarak *had been delivered to the* Prime Minister. "I have not seen [it] and we do not usually comment on private messages," he said.

Israeli overture to Syria on eve of Albright visit

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

IN AN *attempt to break* the deadlock between Israel and Syria, a senior adviser to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, held "secret talks" in Europe in *advance of today's arrival* of Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, on a peace *mission.*

Israel Radio said the talks were focused on resuming *peace talks which collapsed* when Mr Netanyahu won the May 1996 election. The radio *named the adviser as Uzi* Arad, an expert on Arab affairs, but did not identify in *which country or with whom* the discussions were held.

During Ms Albright's shut*tle mission — her first to the* region since taking office eight months ago — she is due to *visit Syria, Jordan, Israel* and the autonomous Palestinian areas.

News of the secret talks came as Ehud Barak, the opposition Labour leader and a former chief of staff, was predicting the outbreak of a new war with Syria unless peace was achieved. Damascus has accused Mr Netanyahu's Government of backtracking on what it said were promises by the previous Labour administration to withdraw from the whole of the Golan Heights in exchange for full peace.

Earlier yesterday, *Yediot Aharonot* the Tel Aviv newspaper, revealed that in the past few days Israel had passed secret messages to Syria about Israel's alleged readiness to discuss new ideas for a renewal of negotiations. An official in the Prime Minister's office told *Yediot* that if *his* government partners found out how far he was willing to go, the coalition *would collapse.*

According to the official, Mr Netanyahu authorised civil servants to inform the Syrians that he would be prepared to adopt the formula once put *forward by the late Yitzhak* Rabin linking the extent of withdrawal from the Golan *Heights with the depth* of peace with Syria.

Yediot added: "The Prime *Minister* denied the claim. But the most right-wing sources close to him confirmed in the *past few days that the mes*sages passed to Syria recently were meant to bring about a *breakthrough in the stalemate* with Syria."

According to American sources, *Ms Albright will use* her visit to make a serious effort to revive the Israeli-Syrian talks in the hope that President Assad and Mr Netanyahu are, for their own *different reasons,* "*almost desperate*" to resume the negotiations broken off early last year. *Since the collapse there* have been repeated war scares as a result of Syrian troop movements in Lebanon. Senior Israeli officials believe that any agreement with Syria could help Israel withdraw its troops from Lebanon. This costly involvement is becoming increasingly unpopular.

For the Americans, even mild progress on the Syrian front could help to divert attention from the enormous difficulties facing Ms Albright in building trust between Israel and the Palestinians, whose peace negotiations have been dormant since March when *Israel began building a huge* new Jewish settlement at Har Homa in east Jerusalem.

Yesterday, Israel and the Palestinian Authority continued to blame each other for the *crisis in peace-making which,* according to a Jordanian newspaper, prompted Yassir *Arafat, the Palestinian leader,* to threaten to resign at the weekend. He was dissuaded *by King Hussein of Jordan* and President Mubarak of Egypt. Both are deeply critical *of Israeli policy.*

Israel yesterday demanded that Ms Albright persuade Mr *Arafat to crush the Islamic* groups operating in the West Bank and Gaza areas under his control. *It dismissed the* Palestinian police round-up of 35 militants as insufficient. Mr Netanyahu's office also issued a list of ten security demands which it said Mr Arafat had to *fulfil to ensure "the integrity of* the peace process".

Ms Albright is due to meet Mr Netanyahu and Mr Arafat separately and to visit victims of the five recent suicide attacks in Jerusalem.

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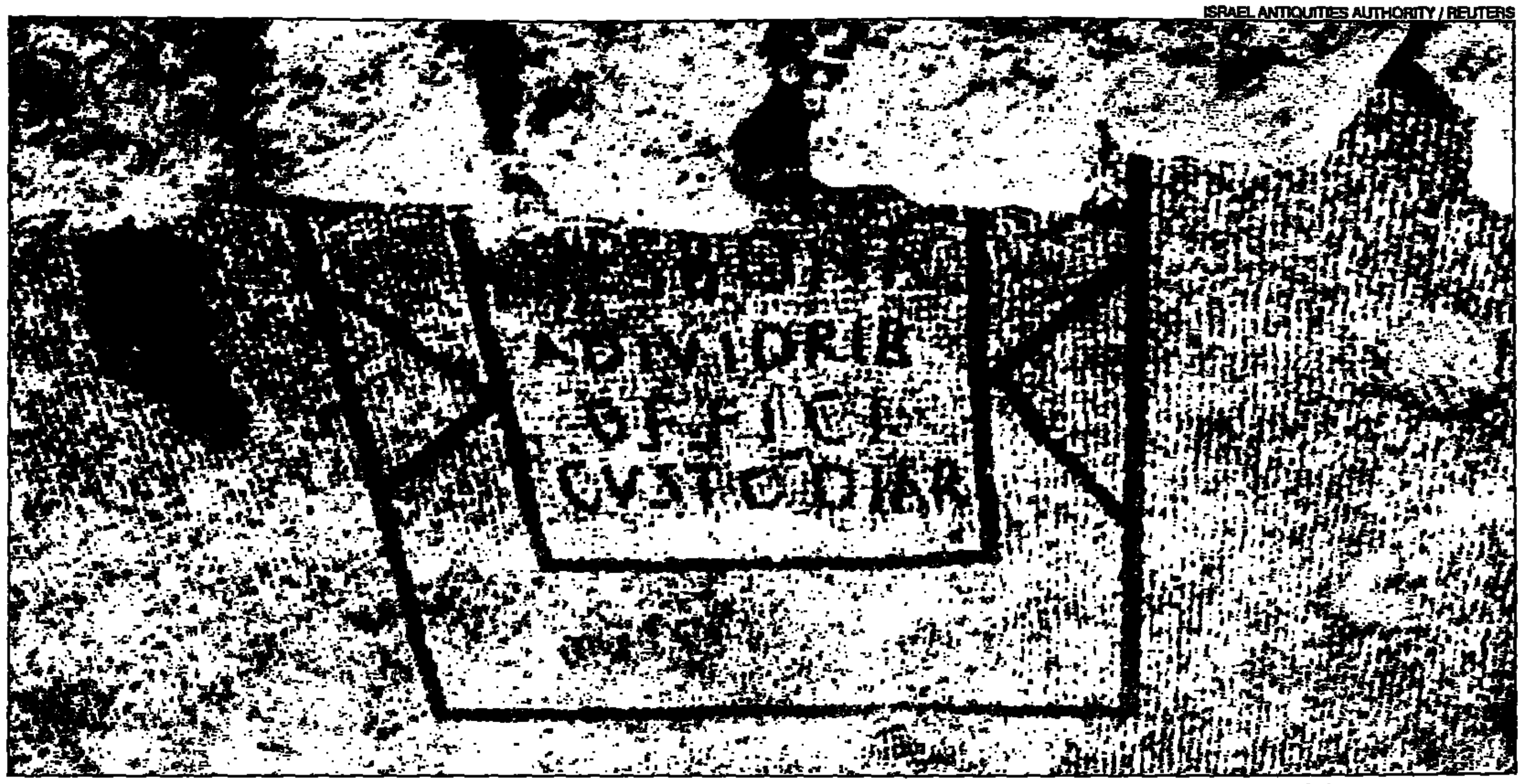


A Latin inscription on a mosaic in Caesarea which reads: "*Adiviorib offici custodiar*" (I came to this office — I shall be secure)

Archaeologists uncover site of St Paul's prison

St Paul: detained at *Herod's praetorium*

By Christopher Walker

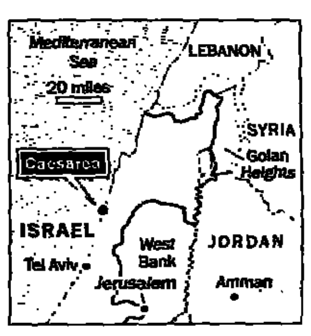
*ISRAELI archaeologists be*lieve they have uncovered a Roman complex where they *believe St Paul was held in* detention almost 2,000 years ago.

The discovery was made in the Mediterranean coastal village of Caesarea on the site of *Strato's tower, an ancient* anchorage. The fortified town served traders plying between *Phoenicia and Egypt. A forti*fied town gradually developed which changed hand *many times before being giv*en to Herod the Great by the Emperor Augustus in 30 BC.

The complex includes a palace, offices, a boathouse and courtyards. "The prae*torium complex served as the* seat of Roman government in the Province of Judea, later *renamed Palestine, from the* start of the 1st century AD until the middle of the 3rd *century,*" *said* Yosef Porath, who is in charge of operations by the Israeli Antiquities *Authority.*

He said that archaeologists had unearthed a mosaic bear*ing a Latin inscription sug*gesting that one office had served as a governmental *bureau responsible for inter*nal security. Mr Porath added: "This inscription helps to *solve the problem of where* the hearing of St Paul before the Roman Governor, took *place. It has tremendous im*portance for Christian pilgrims."

The Apostle Paul was born Saul of Tarsus. He was imprisoned in Herod's prae*torium in Caesarea from* AD 58 to 60 until, as a Roman citizen, he appealed to the Roman Governor *against* being handed over to opponents in Jerusalem who had *accused him of preaching* against Mosaic law. "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat where I ought to be judged. *To the Jews I have done no* wrong as thou very well knowest," Paul said in Acts 25:10. "For if I be an offender, or have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not *to die. But if there be none of* these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver *me* unto them."



He was taken to Rome for trial and eventually killed during Nero's *persecution* of the Christians. Mr Porath said that experts believed that the hearing *room* lay in the part of the compound still to be excavated. Mr Porath added that the complex was the only seat of Roman government to be unearthed in Israel.

Clinton finds unions riding high and ready for battle

AMERICAN AGENDA

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The unions are back. As President Clinton goes into battle with Congress this morning over trade, it is organised labour, not the Republicans, who are his real foes.

Suddenly, after decades of decline, the unions are everywhere. San Francisco yesterday, hit by a transport strike, saw queues a mile long form at dawn for the lone *ferry struggling* across the bay. Ohio's teachers have walked out. Above all, the Teamsters' Union, whose reach spans the nation, now believes it is riding high after its greatest triumph for years: the 15-day United Parcel Service strike by 185,000 workers, the biggest in the nation for 14 years, which won new rights for part-time workers.

Ron Carey, the Teamsters' president, called it an "historic turning point *for working* people". Whether that is true depends on how he plays his startlingly *good hand of* cards on Capitol Hill.

To the amazement of White House aides, *the unions* face them at every twist and turn of the next six weeks' packed *legislative season.* On trade, Mr Clinton wants a renewal of "fast-track authority", the *power to put* trade agreements to Congress for a quick vote, without amendment. Without it, foreign governments will not bother even to discuss trade pacts, he argues. Many Republicans agree, but trade unions, fearing a loss of jobs overseas, are *determined to* block it.

In a similar spirit, unions *hope to scupper a Bill to* reform Amtrak, the tottering rail network. Nor do they like *plans to reform campaign fi*nance, which *would stop them* throwing their financial muscle — $35 million (£22 million) *in last year's elections* — behind their chosen candidates. This autumn, the only *ordeal of Mr Clinton's in* which they have not emerged as central players is the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

Why this show of strength now? In one sense, the unions have *never been weaker, a shadow* of their might in the 1930s and 1940s. Just 14.5 per cent of the workforce belongs to a union and much of that comes from the public sector.

But the booming economy has pushed unemployment down to 4.8 per cent. Until this year, workers have *appeared fearful* of demanding higher wages; a decade of redundancies has left its *mark. But now labour* shortages are pushing up pay. On September 1, the Labour Day *holiday, unions* received a longed-for concession, when the minimum wage rose by 40 cents to $5.15.

The AFL-CIO, the umbrella organisation for unions, hopes to reverse its falling member*ship rolls. John Sweeney,* the president, aims at "a modest growth of 2 or 3 per cent a year" *by scooping up those* pushed off welfare rolls into low-pay jobs, female part-time workers and Californian strawberry pickers.

As a result, politicians are *running scared.* In New York, the decision by unions to back Rudolph Giuliani, the Republican Mayor, shocked Democrats who assumed that they had an eternal lock on the union vote. On the national stage, Vice-President Al Gore and Richard Gephardt, who are battling for the Democratic candidacy in the 2000 *presidential race, are tripping* over themselves to court organised labour.

It often suits American politicians to portray Britain and the rest of Europe as a union *haven, a fortress of workers'* rights and welfare. But the careful arm's length that Tony Blair has put between himself and the unions almost seems to give him more leeway to ignore their views than his US counterparts enjoy.

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Greens outraged by widow's plots

Whitney: *one of richest* women in America

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

A WEALTHY widow, often described *as the most beauti*ful septuagenarian in America, has enraged Green groups by a *plan* to divide 15,000 acres of private forest in the Adirondacks, the vast parkland *in the* northeast of New York state, into 40 plots for sale.

Marylou Whitney, 71, is one of America's richest women. The widow of *Cornelius Van*derbilt ("Sonny") Whitney, who founded Pan American *Airways and* also paid for *making* the film *Gone with the Wind*, she announced her engagement *recently to* a burly 32-year-old called John Hendrickson.

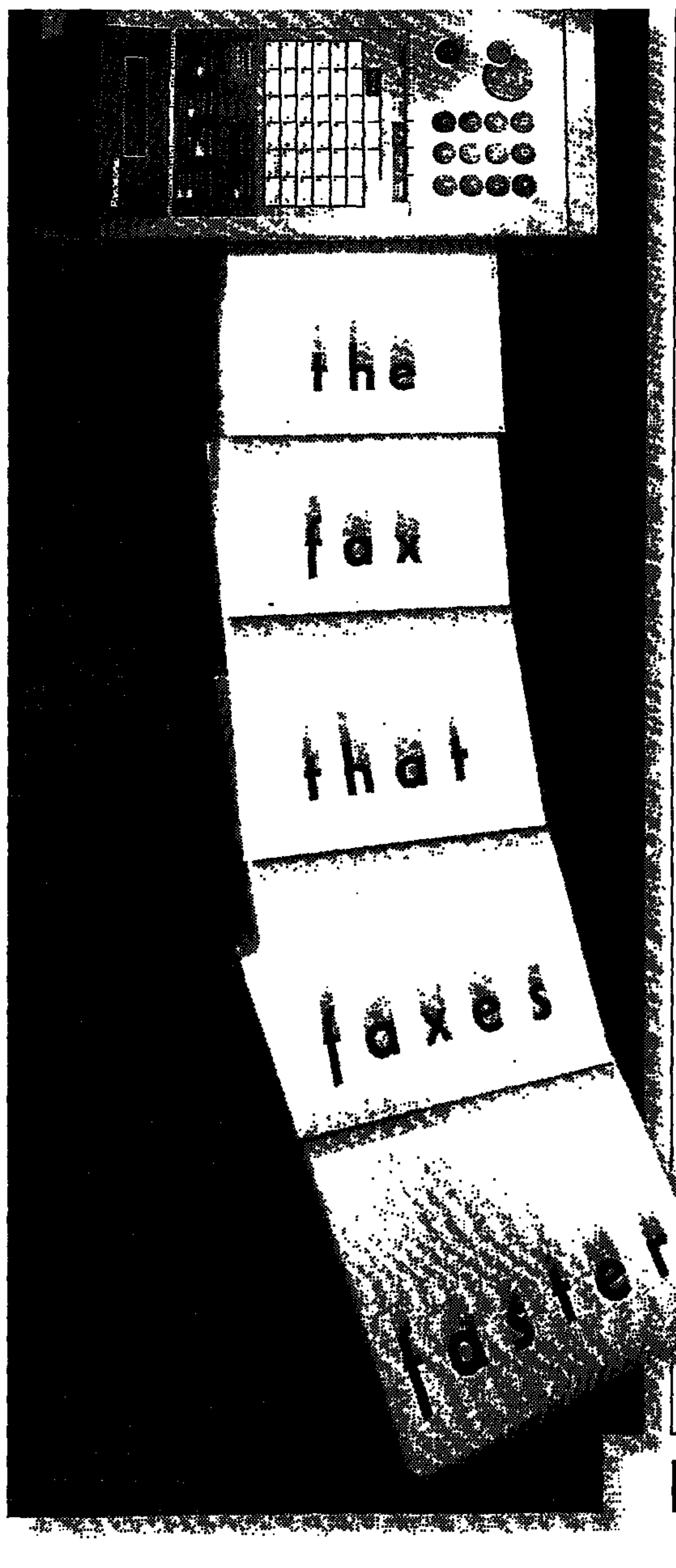
Earlier this year Mrs Whit*ney* and her paramour decided to sell the 15,000-acre tract in the Adirondacks, forested with spruce, pine, hemlock *and an attractive gamut* of deciduous trees. Mr Hendrickson took charge of the *project.* Although an asking price for the land has never been announced, *The Times Union*, a newspaper in Albany, the state capital, reported *in July that Mr Hendrickson* would entertain offers in the range of $28.8 million (£18 *million)* to $84.8 million for the entire tract.

George Pataki, the Gover*nor* of New York state, moved swiftly to buy the land and add it to the state-owned natural park alongside it. His $14 million offer, however, earned only derision from Mr Hendrickson.

The Whitney camp entered a pre-contractual agreement *with a couple from* Connecticut for the sale of a 55-acre lakeside plot called Camp *Bliss. They* also *outlined* plans to build a hotel, general *store, restaurant* and clubhouse on the tract. This made the Greens see red, and set off environmental alarms.

Since Mr Hendrickson showed no sign of climbing down, a non-profit Green group called Nature Conser*vancy stepped in, offering to* buy the land at a higher price than the state and then to resell it to the state for $14 million — Mr Pataki's original offer. It is reported that the group has offered $21 million. That, too, has been rejected.

But the Conecticut couple have accepted $75,000 from Nature Conservancy for withdrawing their offer for the Camp Bliss plot — and Mrs Whitney has been paid $500,000 for the aborted deal. The Whitney camp has also agreed to make no more sales until January 1998.



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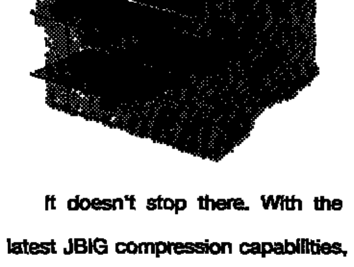

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Victim of Mao tipped for China leadership post

Congress is set to reform state economics, write **Jonathan Mirsky** and **James Pringle**

THE Chinese Communist Party has been unable to suppress signals that the next Prime Minister will be Zhu Rongji, despite traditional attempts to maintain secrecy before the party congress.

Mr Zhu is currently vice-premier in charge of economic reform and is widely seen as the man behind China's successful negotiation out of a period of high inflation while avoiding serious disruption. For many years, starting in the late 1950s, Mr Zhu was in political disgrace and often languished in detention. Few of China's other current leaders were victims of Maoism.

The Central Committee is also said to have decided to cut the number of state-owned industries from 13,000 to 3,000, which would reduce the state's stake in the industrial economy from 40 to 20 per cent. There are at least 700,000 workers in state firms and many central officials fear an increase in already troublesome industrial unrest if many are sacked. But the state industries are heavy money-losers.

Apart from the premiership, other top leadership positions are in dispute. The 15th Congress of the Central Committee, opening on Friday, will begin to ratify top leadership positions for the next five years. Already there are leaks of a row which has begun about the future of two of the central figures in the supreme Standing Committee of the Politburo.

Li Peng, due to retire as Prime Minister, is favoured by President Jiang Zemin for chairman of the National People's Congress. But this position is already held by Qiao Shi, another grandee who is also said to be in overall charge of state security. Mr Jiang, eager to avoid a serious split, may try to persuade Mr Li to accept the chairmanship of the Central Commission for Disciplinary Inspection, the leading organ for fighting official corruption, which most Chinese regard as the primary national challenge. Mr Li is said to prefer the title of State President. Mr Jiang, however, who is party General Secretary and Chairman of the Military Commission as well as President, will not yield.

The party, trying to stanch the leaks, is threatening punishment for those who reveal information about the congress, especially to foreigners, and it is said that officials are now forbidden to read foreign newspapers.

In a further development Bao Ge, one of the few dissidents not in exile or prison, has published an open letter to Mr Jiang calling for a reversal of the verdict on the 1989 Tiananmen killings, officially called a "counter-revolutionary incident", and the most painful lingering dilemma in China.

Writing from Shanghai, Mr Bao referred to the national wave of peasant and worker demonstrations as a sign that Chinese want democracy. He suggested that the body of Chairman Mao, now mummified in Tiananmen, should be cremated as a sign that in death he has no further influence.

Zhu: spent years in political disgrace

Although courageous, the influence of such letters is generally short-lived in Beijing at such times and their writers are usually detained. It would mark a change if Mr Bao remained at liberty.

In the midst of this controversy, certain other traditions — especially the praise of top leaders — remain.

The official press now claims that this is the happiest period in China's 3,000-year history, and that Mr Jiang has succeeded where even Mao and Deng Xiaoping failed. The position of Mr Jiang as what Deng called "the core", is being vigorously promoted. Last month a book was published in which his ideas were elevated to the status of "thought", which had been limited to Mao and Deng.

Now the official *China Daily*, a sister publication of the party's mouthpiece, the *People's Daily*, has declared that "China is in the midst of its best period in history", with "Jiang Zemin at the core".

In a rare fundamental criticism of Mao and Deng, the article observed that "the previous two generations … failed" to deal with the problems of tax reform, controlling the economy and narrowing the gap between rich and poor. Under Mr Jiang's "core leadership", however, the article observes, taxes have swelled the state treasury, the previously overheated economy has achieved a soft landing, and prosperity has become more common across the country.

Meanwhile, nearly two and a half years after being toppled as Beijing's party chief, Chen Xitong, the former Secretary of the Beijing Municipal Party Committee, has been expelled from the party for corruption.

Xinhua, the official news agency, said the decision to expel the 67-year-old was taken by the party's Discipline Inspection Commission. He is the highest party official to be expelled in recent years, observers said.

JEFF HAYNES / AFP

Ali, with his wife Lonnie, throws a jab to make light of his crippling disability

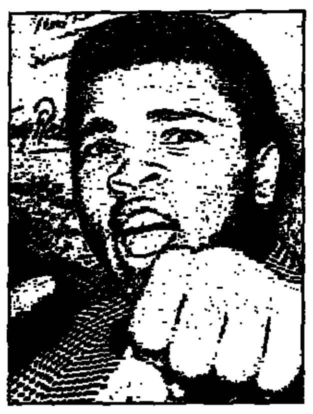
Joking Ali knocks his illness

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

MUHAMMAD ALI, arguably the most popular sportsman this century, has given his most detailed account to date of the Parkinson's disease from which he suffers.

"I'm still the greatest," Ali told reporters in Chicago, his irrepressible vanity undimmed by years of illness. Speaking at a press conference organised by Pharmacia & Upjohn, an American pharmaceuticals company, the former world heavyweight champion said there was no necessary link between the degenerative brain disorder and boxing. Whispering hoarsely, he added that "boxing's much tougher" than the disease.

Although Ali's slurred speech and jolting movements continue to break the hearts of those who once saw him float like a butterfly and sting like a bee, the occasion did at least show that "The Greatest" was in buoyant spirits. His wife, Lonnie, was with him and together they appealed for a greater public awareness of the disease. Ali's condition, which affects more than 1.5 million Americans, has led to a shuffling walk, frozen facial expression and shaking hands, all shown worldwide when he lit the flame at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year.



The Greatest: when his fists ruled the world

Ali's wife said: "Muhammad has refused to let Parkinson's slow him down … we are planning to build a gym where he will work out daily, hitting the bag and sparring." She said he walked up to five miles a day, but Ali cheerfully disagreed with her, shaking his head and holding up all ten fingers.

At the end of the meeting, Ali and his wife were given a pair of red boxing gloves. Rising to his feet and arching his eyelids, he delivered a jab: "I come all the way here, give you a nice little talk, and this is all you give me?"

WORLD IN BRIEF

Korean soldiers 'infiltrate South'

Seoul: An unknown number of North Korean soldiers reportedly crossed the Korean border yesterday, and the South said it shot dead one who snaked his way through decades-old minefields. The Defence Ministry said the North Korean soldier aimed his rifle at South Korean guards when he was challenged a few yards from the southern end of the 2½-mile wide demilitarised zone. "Our side fired about 10 rounds" killing the man, the ministry said. Southern troops were searching for other soldiers who might have infiltrated the South. It did not say if some of the North Koreans had crossed back to the North after the shooting. *(Reuter)*

Haiti ferry toll disputed

Miami: Rescue teams searching for survivors from the ferry that capsized off the coast of Haiti on Monday believe at least 100 people died, but the figure could be very much higher (David Adams writes). The vessel's captain said he had been carrying 260 passengers, of whom more than 100 survived by swimming about 50 yards to the shore. But Haitian witnesses and relatives of the missing said the ferry was carrying up to 700 people. There is no record of any passenger manifest, but it is known that the 60ft ferry was certified to carry only 80 passengers.

Ex-spy replaces De Klerk

Johannesburg: Marthinus van Schalkwyk, right, a former South African intelligence agent, was elected to lead the National Party yesterday (Sam Kiley writes). He replaces F. W. de Klerk who resigned as party leader last month. Mr van Schalkwyk, 37, said: "Political parties must work together and I foresee that the NP will be part of a coalition government in 2004." Origins, he added, were less important than "our destiny".

Comoros Cabinet sacked

Mutsamudu, Comoros: President Taki of the Comoros islands in the Indian Ocean assumed total power and dismissed his Cabinet, he announced on Radio Moroni. His announcement came a day after separatists set up their own "independent" government on Anjouan island. Last week the secessionists defeated federal troops sent to their island a month after Anjouan first declared independence. The President said he was convening a special session of the national assembly and installing a transitional government *(AFP)*

Algerian terrorists raided

Paris: The headquarters of Algeria's most militant terrorist group has been besieged and destroyed by government forces, with the death of at least 70 rebels, according to press reports (Ben Macintyre writes). The raid on the hideout of the Armed Islamic Group in the forests between Blida and Medea provinces followed a tip-off, *El Watan* newspaper reported. Another 147 rebels were killed in a separate operation in the Chrea district.

Mir crew repairs computer

Moscow: The crew of the Russian space station Mir restarted the main computer yesterday after a component failure on Monday forced the closure of all but essential systems in the latest of a catalogue of problems (Robin Lodge writes). Officials at mission control near Moscow said that the faulty component had been identified and replaced and the computer was now working normally.

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'Apartheid' methods used in forced removal of Bushmen

Sam Kiley reports on the plight of an ancient people as the Government of Botswana seeks to uproot them

BOTSWANA government officials are involved in "apartheid-style" forced removals of Bushmen from their ancestral homelands in the central Kalahari Desert, cutting off water supplies and threatening the hunter-gatherers with attack by the army.

The First People of the Kalahari, a human rights group, said yesterday that hundreds of Bushmen had been driven from their lands and forced to live in arid villages outside the Central Kalahari Game Reserve in the past few weeks.

The "forced removal" of Bushmen from Gope and Xade to "New Xade" outside the reserve flies in the face of calls for a moratorium on the movements until an international fact-finding mission has visited the area and been able to produce a report.

"The Government seems bent on making sure that as many people are moved out as possible before anyone visits the central Kalahari," said Chris Erni, spokesman for the First People, which was due to participate in the mission later this month.

Only about 1,500 Bushmen still live as hunter-gatherers in the central Kalahari and are among Africa's last people to depend on the fruits of the wild to survive. The only other people to live a roughly similar traditional life are the Twa, or Pygmies, orf central Africa.

The Kalahari Bushmen were celebrated for their gentleness and closeness to nature by Sir Laurens van der Post, who died this year and had been for many years a confidant of the Prince of Wales.

The Botswana Government, dominated by the Tswana, a Bantu ethnic group, consider the Bushmen an embarrassment. Officials refer to the Bushmen openly as "savages" or "stone age creatures".

International protests at plans to move the Bushmen from their home territories earlier this year resulted in demands from members of the House of Lords in London that the Botswana Government should end the relocation policy. However, Mr Erni, said: "They have gone ahead with the plan just as they always hoped and largely in secret."

The mainly illiterate Bushmen were granted special rights to continue to live in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve under British rule in the 1950s. But in the past few years the Botswana Government has tried to end that privilege and has launched an initiative to "civilize" the nomadic Bushmen. Few now live the wandering life. But hundreds still depend on the veld for their food and as an essential part of their culture.

The Government said that the Bushmen would qualify for remote-area grants if they formed themselves into villages, outside the reserve. But they suspect that if they move they will be denied access to the wildlife, on which they depend, and that the reserve will then be turned over to cattle ranchers, who form the most powerful political lobby in Botswana.

Several people who agreed to move told First People that they had done so after they were threatened with deployment of the Botswana Defence Force and had been told that soldiers would force them into lorries at gunpoint.

These allegations come after a human rights report earlier this year which detailed the torture of the Bushmen, who have no word for "murder" in their own languages.

Between 100 and 150 of them are still holding out against government pressure to leave Mothomelo, which is in the centre of the vast desert area, although most have agreed to move.

The First People investigators said that they had visited the village to discover that government officials were deliberately refusing the Bushmen water unless they signed an agreement to leave.

The government officials said that they would not repair a borehole until leaders of the community had signed.

"People saw they just had no choice but to sign in order to save their animals and themselves from dying of thirst," one of the First People investigators said.

An official in the Botswana Government denied that Bushmen had been threatened and said that the relocation policy was "for their own good" and part of the Government's policy to develop tourism and conservation in the Kalahari.

However, safari companies and conservation groups have already joined in condemning the removal of the Bushmen, whose expertise in the desert and vast knowledge of the flora and fauna of the region are seen as an asset to conservationists and travel operators.

Kalahari Bushman — threatened with forcible removal by troops from land

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British troops rescue Karadzic men from siege

Serb hardliners who tried to upstage President Plavsic have fled in humiliation, reports **Tom Walker in Banja Luka**

BRITISH troops helped to break a siege of Banja Luka's central Bosna Hotel yesterday, escorting politicians, bodyguards and police loyal to war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic to safety.

The rescue of the Bosnian Serb hardliners, stranded in the town controlled by their opponent, President Plavsic, ended 24 hours of humiliation for them. They had come to Banja Luka on Monday in the hope of upstaging Mrs Plavsic by holding an election rally, or even toppling her in a coup. But their busloads of paid supporters were never allowed near the town and they were trapped in the hotel for most of the time. They were finally submitted to the shame of being bundled to safety in Warrior armoured personnel carriers of the Nato "occupation force" that they spend so much time berating.

Jacques Klein, the burly American diplomat who negotiated their undignified exit, summed up the spectacle, undoubtedly the last attempt at rallying support for Dr Karadzic's policies in western Bosnian Serb territory, by saying: "If these were coup plotters, then they're a pretty sorry bunch."

Shortly afterwards a motley group of about 40 bodyguards, along with their political bosses from Dr Karadzic's eastern Bosnian stronghold of Pale, left the Bosna Hotel, their heads bowed as a crowd of several thousand screamed abuse at them.

This was very much Mrs Plavsic's day, and a fillip for the Western powers which believe she is the only hope of keeping Republika Srpska in the Dayton peace process.

The trouble for the Pale hardliners began on Monday evening when it became apparent that few of their supporters had made the long trip through the Serb corridor linking the eastern and western Serb territories. British and American troops from Nato's Stabilisation Force (Sfor) mounted roadblocks to back up Mrs Plavsic's loyal police and turned back nearly 50 busloads of thugs. Mr Klein, the Office of the High Representative's administrator in the troubled town of Brcko, which straddles the corridor, claimed most of them had been paid by Pale to board the buses.

The hardliners, led by Momcilo Krajisnik, Dr Karadzic's business partner and the Serb representative on Bosnia's state presidency, unwisely attempted to press ahead with a rally, which ended with hooligans loyal to Mrs Plavsic smashing their cars. "Go back to the woods," they cried, an expression the urban Serbs of Banja Luka use to taunt their country cousins from Pale. Mr Krajisnik and his entourage quickly took refuge in the Hotel Bosna.

Early yesterday Mr Klein and British Sfor troops offered to escort them to safety, but Mr Krajisnik refused. "It was a mistake on his part," Mr Klein said. "Time's running out for them."

Inside the Bosna, a surreal atmosphere prevailed: journalists and their translators mingled with crewcut thugs armed with pistols and machineguns. Food and drink ran out, and electricity was cut. Mrs Plavsic's supporters hurled eggs at the balcony. At around noon Sfor troops and the Office of the High Representative advised Dr Karadzic's men to leave.

Negotiations stalled over the surrendering of their weapons, but a blunt Mr Klein gave Mr Krajisnik's entourage 30 minutes to make up their minds, and sent for 11 British Warrior armoured carriers. "Let's hope that reason prevails," Mr Klein said.

At 2.30pm, the hardliners emerged after troops from The Royal Hussars and the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers moved in to disarm them. Only a heavy police cordon prevented any lynchings as the Pale crowd ran the gauntlet of the Banja Luka mob.

Mr Krajisnik was among the last to leave, keeping the mob in suspense until evening fell. He departed with Dragan Kijac, the hated Interior Minister sacked by Mrs Plavsic. When they emerged from the hotel with ten bodyguards, they were roundly booed and pelted with eggs and stones.

CARTOONISTS & WRITERS SYNDICATE

The confrontation between Mrs Plavsic and Dr Karadzic as seen by the *Wiener Zeitung*

SASA KRALJ / AP

Emma Nicholson in Cape Town with a member of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's investigation unit

ANC 'colluded in spiriting away Winnie case witness'

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

THE African National Congress and South Africa's white Government colluded in abducting the main prosecution witness against Winnie Madikizela-Mandela in the Stompie Seipei Moeketsi case, according to allegations in a book published in South Africa yesterday.

Fred Bridgland, author of *Katiza's Journey: Beneath the Surface of South Africa's Shame*, which is based on interviews with the missing witness, alleges that Mrs Mandela, then wife of Nelson Mandela, stabbed the teenage township activist in the throat and neck. When the case came to trial in 1991, Katiza Cebekhulu was spirited out of the country to Zambia, at the request of Oliver Tambo, the former ANC president, with the help of President Kaunda of Zambia, the book says.

Mr Cebekhulu was sent to Sierre Leone and stayed in Britain under the protection of Emma Nicholson, the former MP. Miss Nicholson, who is soon to enter the House of Lords, met members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Cape Town yesterday to discuss whether the commission could meet to hear Mr Cebekhulu's evidence against Mrs Mandela outside South Africa for his own safety.

Mrs Mandela, speaking at a press conference here yesterday, claimed that the media had tried to butcher her character and asked: "Where is Cebekhulu? Is the state machinery unable to get hold of this unsophisticated person so that he tells the 'truth'? He must come home to stand the trial he ran away from and to say who helped him leave the country and why."

The book also implicates Mrs Mandela in the murder of several other black township activists before she was found guilty of kidnapping charges in the Stompie trial, for which she received a six-year suspended sentence, later commuted to a fine.

Dr Kaunda is quoted as saying that he believed the request to take Mr Cebekhulu was made by the late Mr Tambo, who allegedly spoke with Mr Mandela's authority. There is no direct evidence indicating Mr Mandela's involvement. "He [Tambo] said that Nelson wants this man out of South Africa," Dr Kaunda is quoted as saying. "He said that we must go by what Nelson said about him, so we took that on trust."

The motives for spiriting away Mr Cebekhulu were less to protect Mrs Mandela than to keep the negotiations between the ANC and the ruling National Party on track, the book said.

Mr Bridgland and Miss Nicholson, who wrote a forward to the book, also claim that foreign governments, including the British, had been warned not to give Mr Cebekhulu asylum because it would "harm relations" with Pretoria after Mr Mandela was elected President.

Mother Teresa on fast track to sainthood

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

MOTHER Teresa, eulogised by the Pope this week as "the unforgettable Mother of the Poor", could be made a saint through "fast track procedures" because of her obvious holiness, a senior Vatican official said yesterday.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, who is close to the Pope, said some cases of beatification and canonisation were so clear that the normally slow and exhaustive process could run more swiftly.

"I am not privy to the innermost thoughts of the Holy Father ... but I think he wants the process to be speeded up," Cardinal Ratzinger said. Mother Teresa had been "so resplendent in the eyes of everyone" and had led a life "so lucid, limpid and transparent" that the process could be "less long".

The Pope devoted his entire Angelus address to Mother Teresa on Sunday, praising her as "an eloquent example to all, believers and non-believers". He said he had met her many times, and "she lives in my memory as a tiny figure full of inexhaustible spiritual energy, the energy of the love of Christ".

On the day after her death, the pontiff described her as an "extraordinary person of unwavering faith" who had "marked the history of the 20th century ... she made those who had been defeated by life feel the tenderness of God".

The Pope was visibly moved when he visited her home and hospice in the Calcutta slum of Kalighat in February 1986.

☐ Calcutta: Three rifle shots, and not a traditional 21-gun salute, will be fired at Mother Teresa's state funeral on Saturday, Indian authorities said. Doctors expressed concern over the condition of the body as it lay in a church hall in this humid city, where queues of mourners stretched for a mile. *(Reuters)*

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40,000 to go free in Russian amnesty

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN prisons will release about 40,000 convicts in the next few weeks under an amnesty aimed at relieving overcrowding, Gennadi Seleznyov, Chairman of the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, announced yesterday.

Last week President Yeltsin called for an amnesty to deal with what he described as an "extremely tense situation" in some of the country's prisons. He said the amnesty could affect about 400,000 people in all, but most of these are understood to be on probation or parole.

Up to 40,000 inmates, including those with records for good behaviour, war veterans, the sick, and pregnant women, will be considered for immediate release. Another 60,000 are expected to have their sentences reduced. Murderers, rapists or racketeers are excluded.

The chief prosecutor's office gave a warning earlier this year of a social explosion unless something was done to alleviate prison overcrowding. Russia's prison population has swollen by about 50 per cent to nearly a million since the fall of communism, reflecting the sharp rise in crime across the country. Police point to the prison population as evidence of the success of their fight against crime, while critics maintain that only small fry are caught and that many of these would be better suited to non-custodial sentences.

Some of the worst conditions are in Moscow's remand prisons, where often between 70 and 80 inmates are crammed into cells designed for 30 and are forced to sleep in shifts. The prisons were built a century ago and cells are without plumbing or sanitation. Inmates go for days without washing or exercising and the spread of infectious diseases, including tuberculosis and cholera, is rife. Suicides are common, as are violence and sexual abuse.

Cook on crusade for 'People's Europe'

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN HAMBURG

ROBIN COOK arrived in Hamburg yesterday to try to win support for a "People's Europe" just as Germany announced record postwar unemployment figures.

Making his second visit to Germany as Foreign Secretary, Mr Cook told Klaus Kinkel, his German counterpart, that Britain wanted to use its coming presidency of the European Union to launch a crusade against unemployment and to bring the union closer to the people.

In a speech at the city hall, he said European leaders needed to show voters that they shared the concerns of ordinary people. "The whole thrust of our presidency will be to try to create a Europe for the people," he said.

In the first detailed outline of how Labour intends to use its six-months in the chair next year, Mr Cook said the EU must above all tackle the "jobs crisis". It must create more employment, reflate economies and remove remaining obstacles to the single market.

His words will be welcome in Germany, where jobs and the single currency are at the heart of the September 21 state election in Hamburg.

The poll is widely perceived as a test of the beleaguered Kohl Government's popularity, and Herr Kinkel, a leading member of the Free Democratic Party, is fighting to win back seats in the state legislature for his endangered party.

In talks with Henning Voscherau, the ruling Social Democratic Mayor of Hamburg, whose party has ruled here since 1957, Mr Cook tried to lend some of Labour's new popularity abroad to the struggling German Social Democrats.

But he has dashed hopes that Britain would support a substantial cut in Germany's EU budget payments. He said at the weekend that Labour could not accept any contribution formula that would require Britain to pay more. He told *Welt am Sonntag* that Britain would not pick up the bill for Germany, but it would favour a sharp cut in agricultural payments to reduce the overall budget total.

Last night he again emphasised the need for a huge cut in the common agricultural policy. Europe must put its money into those industries where people worked and not spend half its budget on agriculture, which employs only 4 per cent of the people, he said.

Despite rumours that Bonn hopes Britain will help to find a formula to delay European Monetary Union, the Foreign Secretary has made clear that the Government will not take decisions for others, indicating that Germany must decide for itself whether it wants to go ahead with EMU.

Mr Cook's visit yesterday dwelt on Labour's new positive vision of Europe, emphasising benefits such as the Social Chapter, the common fight against drugs and the benefits that would make a difference to the ordinary citizen. He said Europe must escape jargon and its obsession with institutional detail. But he also emphasised a new closeness in Anglo-German relations coming after what he called the Conservatives' confrontational policies.

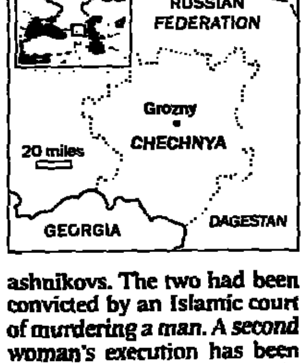
Public executions for Grozny

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

CHECHNYA'S newly installed Islamic courts will demonstrate that they are serious about imposing Sharia [Islamic law] over the breakaway nation when two more Chechen convicts are shot in Grozny's main square today.

Despite an outcry in Russia about televised executions last week, the Chechen authorities intend to shoot two more alleged murderers as part of a campaign to stamp out persistent lawlessness.

Hundreds of spectators gathered a week ago in the city's Friendship Square to watch as a young man and his wife were handcuffed to posts and riddled with bullets by hooded gunmen firing Kalashnikovs. The two had been convicted by an Islamic court of murdering a man. A second woman's execution has been delayed because she is pregnant.



Although Islam stipulates that the dead should be buried as soon as possible, President Maskhadov has decreed that, as a deterrent, the bodies of those executed should be put on display with placards stating their crimes.

The Sharia courts, the first to be established anywhere in the former Soviet Union, had until this month confined themselves to public floggings for drinking alcohol. Now Chechnya seems determined to exercise the same strict Muslim code as that enforced in Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Iran. More than 30 people, most charged over a recent spate of kidnappings, have been sentenced to death and are expected to be shot in the coming weeks.

Last week's executions provoked a strong reaction in Russia, but the two sides are clearly not going to allow their differences over human rights to derail a vital oil agreement which was concluded yesterday.

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Why we all long to be in the therapist's chair

Therapy has become a national obsession — part religion, part game show. **Erica Wagner** reports

THE KOBAL COLLECTION

On the couch: "In my experience people often go into counselling and never emerge," says Dr Raj Persaud. "I wonder sometimes if counselling isn't the new religion"

Suddenly, it's good to talk. Hugh Laurie, stepping into Bob Hoskins's matey, slightly condescending shoes, now tells us so on behalf of British Telecom, and we believe him. But to a greater and greater extent, people are not picking up the phone to call their nearest and dearest and unburden their souls; they are finding themselves a giver of professional succour.

In 1987 there were 3,000 members of the British Association for Counselling; five years later the number had risen to 11,000 and is now at 15,000. Sixty per cent of GP surgeries employ counsellors and two-thirds of their salaries are paid by the NHS. Where once those in distress turned to religion, now they turn to therapy: there are now as many as ten times the number training to be counsellors as there are training to be Church of England priests.

The media is suffused by differing manifestations of this desire for psychic healing: from the columns of agony aunts and uncles to the investigations of celebrity souls — both with the consent of the soul concerned, in programmes such as Professor Anthony Clare's *In The Psychiatrist's Chair*, Oliver James's *The Chair* — or, in the case of James, putting "Diana on the couch" on the very Sunday of her death, without.

Tomorrow, at Church House, Westminster, Professor Clare and Dr Raj Persaud, eminent professionals and interviewers both, will debate whether or not it is possible to stay sane in the Nineties. This is the new, public face of a profession previously defined by an unbreakable code of confidentiality. Mental health and happiness are no longer privileged to privacy.

Clare's radio programme *In The Psychiatrist's Chair*, now in its sixteenth year, is one of the longest-running manifestations of the examination of the psyche in public. It is fascinating in the same way as biography: our appetite for details of people's lives seems insatiable. But its subjects are not long-buried princes or prime ministers. They live and breathe, and choose to air their dramas and dilemmas for our entertainment. Why?

Brian Masters was one of Clare's most recent guests: author of books on Dennis Nilsen and Rosemary West, among others, he is himself best known for examining the criminal mind. He admits that vanity had not a little to do with the decision to bare his soul. It's very flattering to imagine that a bunch of strangers is going to find your life interesting." But does such a public airing do any good or serve any purpose? Masters admits that he was surprised to find himself saying to Clare something he had not realised about himself before. "I suppose I discovered that I am almost too self-sufficient; it's hard for anyone to do anything for me — something I hadn't really known, although I had thought about the feelings of other people, and my own, a great deal. It shows that it is possible to discover something unrealised at the hands of a skilled analyst."

But art, he contends, defines the limits of analysis. "If you want to learn about the human soul, all you have to do is read the great works. If you have read your Shakespeare and Dostoevsky, you might not have to go through all this . . ."

But analysing creations of fiction is very different from the modern attempt to analyse strangers who may seem — through their existence in the media — almost like characters from novels. For surely one of the most peculiar manifestations of the modern analytical obsession is the willingness to believe that it is possible to know a stranger's — usually a celebrity's — heart and mind. Psychologist James, whose book *Britain on the Couch* is published next week and who brought Peter Mandelson to tears on his programme *The Chair*, continued his speculations into royal minds in *The Sunday Times*, assessing the grief and prospects of Prince William and Prince Harry.

James is convinced that such discussion is possible, and worthwhile. "There is a disclaimer in the first paragraph of that piece on Prince William that says we don't know about his relationship with his parents and so can only work from the available facts. In cases like this it always depends how much information is in the public domain and how much of it is worth anything. You look at the facts, you look at possibilities and probabilities. Of course, there is a difference between talking to someone and not; and the further you stretch evidence, the less you are able to assert anything with confidence. And you must always remain aware that the person is a human being and try to make what you say as accurate as possible."

Professor Clare has little truck with such work. "The Royal College of Psychiatrists has guidelines that state clearly that such work is unacceptable professionally. You might comment — as I have done — on someone's behaviour, but you cannot explain it in terms of psychopathology.

"I think it's a regrettable activity if you don't know the person. Discussing what they have done publicly is one thing; but to look back at their childhood and do a speculative job is another, and I would be very wary of that." But this, too, seems a part of the new, public face of therapy. And although Professor Clare, for one, denies that what he does on a programme such as *In The Psychiatrist's Chair* is analysis, both phenomena are a manifestations of a need to know the feelings of others, to show our own to the world.

Is this a need that springs from misery? In *Britain on the Couch* James asks why, as a society, we seem to be unhappier now than we were only 40 years ago — despite being, for the most part, materially better-off. His contention, that the stresses of modern life actually alter our brain chemistry, might explain why more and more people are turning to counsellors to help them cope with their daily lives. But there is at least one media shrink who doubts this is entirely to the good. Dr Persaud's impeccable credentials — one of the youngest doctors ever to be appointed consultant psychiatrist at both the Bethlem Royal Hospital and Maudsley Hospital in London, winner of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Research Prize and Medal in 1993 — support appearances in broadcast and print journalism (columns in *The Daily Mail* and *Cosmopolitan*, resident psychiatrist on Granada TV's *This Morning*) that seem to make him ubiquitous.

He is now the author of *Staying Sane: How to Make Your Mind Work for You*, in which he maintains that mental fitness can be maintained in much the same way as physical fitness. Working on developing strong mental health can keep problems from turning into crises and can keep people out of what can become a cycle of dependency. "I do worry that counselling creates dependency," Dr Persaud says. "In my experience people often go into counselling and never emerge. I wonder sometimes if counselling isn't the new religion. Each generation faces new despairs: counselling is how we deal with that despair in the late 20th century. Both religion and analysis involve an authority figure: going to see a priest for absolution is, in some ways, not dissimilar to seeing a therapist. But by maintaining positive mental health, people can aspire to be independent of such figures."

Yet the booming counselling industry indicates that such independence may not be a desired end. Authority figures — be they spirits, gods, saviours or psychiatrists — have been looked to for guidance from time immemorial: it is a need unlikely to be abandoned even in these secular days.

People may no longer go to worship with as much regularity as once they did, but if a study conducted by the University of Leeds is to be believed, 55 per cent of people believe in second sight, 67 per cent believe there is some truth in astrology and 15 per cent that abduction by aliens is possible. Clearly the need to believe in something is still very strong.

Examining the psyche in public: Oliver James, Dr Raj Persaud and Professor Anthony Clare

Dr Anthony Storr, a psychiatrist and author who has turned his analytical gaze on men such as Churchill and Jesus (his most recent book, *Feet of Clay*, is a study of gurus), confesses that the confessional impulse leaves him puzzled. "Well, I'm secretive, really," he says. "I don't want to air my own problems, and I find the whole thing rather distasteful — just letting it all hang out. But one is so used to maintaining confidence as a psychiatrist that you query any public airing: it begins to look just like vulgar show."

But Clare reminds me that *In The Psychiatrist's Chair* was created following the comment of a patient of his — who has since committed suicide — that she believed all public figures had perfect lives. It seemed to him worthwhile to show that this was not the case; and so, perhaps, help people to acknowledge their own distress.

"It's not just entertainment: it is potentially enormously helpful. We may indeed have created a monster in the media — but now we have to use it."

Public show versus private emotion + Why death is so shocking to modern values + Superstition behind people's shrines + Shopping-list condolences

Cruelty of demanding that bereaved display their grief

Nigella Lawson

WATCH OUT: the grief police are about. If you are not weeping, wailing and gnashing your teeth you've had it. You're a cold fish, an unfeeling monster, a non-person.

I wrote last week, tentatively, of the difficulty of extracting any real sense of what private reality was like from the projection of a public image. We presume there to be some connection between the two, but perhaps even so we miscalculate the precise nature of that relationship. Regarding grief, it is particularly difficult.

But with grief, it seems, everyone is keenest to make the snappiest of snap judgments. It's not simply a case of "better out than in"; the modern consensus seems to be that if it isn't out then it can't be in.

It's hard to know quite how such an idea has taken hold. But the evidence that it has is extraordinary. I am a rather emotional person, but I would never, if I could help it, cry out loud in front of people. At my saddest, my feelings have been at their most buried, not their most volubly expressed.

I make this admission not because I have fallen prey to the confessional impulse but because I take issue with the general tendency to depict self-control as a particular failing of desiccated royals. It's not a question of stiff upper lip, of assumptions of superiority or alienation from how "real people" feel: it is about how one is.

Undeniably, the old way was not always right: it was cruel to make people swallow their deepest feelings if their deepest feelings cried out for utterance. But palpably, it is as ludicrous to insist we all squeeze our tears out for public edification.

I was shocked that — as it was decreed — "the ordinary people" demanded shows of grief from those poor bereaved boys in order, it was all but threatened, for them to continue bestowing the blessing of their sympathy on the Princes. (It might be more democratic to use us and our, but I can't bear to.) Are we so crude, have we such coarse sensibilities and such lack of imagination, that we need to see proof that a child suffers when its mother dies?

Perhaps it is true that the character of the person who dies affects the way in which others mourn them. Diana, Princess of Wales, did appear to approve of showing her wounds in the marketplace. And yet, even so, greater claims are made for that than is perhaps correct.

There must still have been a difference between public and private: there has to be. But we presumed there wasn't as the idea flattered us: what we got was the real thing. For no reason that is rooted in our knowledge of ourselves, we base such observations on the idea of personality as unified, monolithic, free of contradictions. Or maybe it's just that we have no self-knowledge, either.

When I heard one broadcaster say on the radio on Saturday, "This isn't a display of public grief, it is a display of personal grief expressed a million times over", I realised how ludicrous it had got. First we revile the idea of a distinction between private and public, then we refuse to believe there can even be one; now we hold that only the private is real, that anything public must be false.

It isn't a private grief — except for friends or family — but to describe those displays of mourning as a public grief doesn't indicate that none of it exists.

Declaring only one part of life to be real does more than unbalance us: it shows us to be unhinged.

Let us end the taboo on death

WE LIVE in a society in which the sex taboo has been replaced, until now, by a death taboo. The shock was therefore immense. But it is not even just a matter of taboo — although the breaking of it understandably carried in its wake a vast unleashing of strong feelings — but of experience.

In any other age it would have been impossible for people to get to adulthood without encountering death, but this is commonplace now. Most of my friends have never seen a dead body: many have never had anyone close to them die.

And if you haven't gone through any of this personally, you can't imagine what it feels like, how it could be. It is this fortunate lack of experience as much as unfortunate want of imagination that makes people so crassly uncomprehending of real feeling, real grief.

Back to the Dark Ages

FOR THE first part of last week I was deeply moved by the response of the public. By the end of it I was beginning to feel rather disturbed by it. There was something unsettling about seeing London turned into a medieval Catholic village. (And I don't use the term pointedly to denigrate Roman Catholics: I presume that they, you, are more upset than I am by the idolatry.)

Everywhere one looked there was a shrine set up. It was like being in one of those sparse hilltop communities in Italy (or, those better-travelled than I am tell me, South America) hung with amulets and strange religio-medical offerings.

Unbeliever as I am, I can't quite say it made me appreciate the uses and benefits of religion, but it did make me wonder how helpful the modern world has been in advancing civilisation.

We disparage hypocrisy and usher in emotional fundamentalism. We seek to sanitise life, to remove the stain of death and suffering, and then fragment when given proof that both still hold great sway. We banish religion and watch the proliferation of superstitious voodoo instead.

I don't conclude, can't conclude, from any of that that the way forward is the way back. But I am afraid that it appears undeniable that, as history always seems to show us, people really do prefer the darkness to the light.

Sympathetic shopping

ONE more and I'll get off the subject, I promise. On Saturday evening I went to Tesco to get some food for the weekend. Nestling beyond the tills was a table and the now normal shrine set up, with a book of condolence propped upon it. What I don't understand, is this: if people are so moved that they feel they must write a message of condolence (which instinct I don't disparage), why would they not be sufficiently moved to make an effort to do so? It doesn't make sense to say "I am so upset I must inscribe my name in a book of condolence, but only if I can fit it in during the week's shop in Tesco." Further to this, a friend tells me that various people in her office were asking for extended lunch hours so that they could pay their respects at the various palaces. Funny how their sincere impulses didn't drive them to do it during their own time.

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Strange, how easy it is to be good

In the second extract from her new biography, **Anne Sebba** asks who, exactly, Mother Teresa served with her work among the destitute

MOTHER TERESA

Beyond — the — image

I have one overwhelming memory of my visit to Delhi — the baby with two heads.

This baby, six months old, was lying on a cold cement floor with a pillow under its rear head. I could not see how developed the second face was, but I could see the front one clearly enough, and there was an open wound in its forehead. Both heads emanated from one tiny trunk, and the body was curled in a foetal ball. I could not remove my gaze from this desperate accident of humanity.

"Is she in pain?" I asked the Missionary of Charity sister who was showing me round the Delhi orphanage. "Of course," she replied. "She can't lift her heads, they are too heavy. But everything is in God's hands. There is nothing any hospital can do for the baby ... Nature has its way."

"What about the mother?" I asked. "She must be in shock. Does anyone know who or how she is?" If they did, I was not told. The mother seemed unimportant. It was not a case they wished to discuss and talk quickly turned to poverty in the West — much more serious, the sister said, because it was emotional poverty.

This tragic, two-headed baby focuses for me the essence of the role of the Missionaries of Charity. Had it not been for them, this baby would have died at birth, or soon after, wherever it was dumped — a refuse bin or the street.

Clearly she had been fed by the nuns — she was thin but not puny and would not have survived that long without nourishment. And she had been shown love. But what do we mean by love? Why, as I went around the orphanage, did I see no toys in the cots, no pictures on the walls, no mobiles for any of the children, most of them too deformed to do anything other than look at an interesting object? As the sister told me, the baby with two heads would die soon, indeed is probably dead as I write this. And how much will she have suffered, and for what? Why, if she was in pain, was she not given painkillers, and being looked after in a hospital bed by trained nursing staff?

There are no simple answers, but the question remains: Is it an adequate response to take in a sick person, child or adult, and offer care if you are not prepared to give the highest level of care society is capable of? Is it arrogant to presume that, although a body of knowledge exists, you need not make use of it? I discussed this with people far better qualified than I.

"Take the parable of the Good Samaritan," I said to a Catholic bishop. "At least he did something to help."

"Yes," replied the bishop, "but if the Samaritan repeatedly crossed the road, and helped ever more people, by design rather than accident, so that a form of institution was created to help victims, then the care owed should be of the highest standard available."

Professor David Baum, president of the College of Paediatrics and Child Health and a leading light in the development of children's hospice and respite care in the United Kingdom, sees it rather differently.

"Giving the best care has so many dimensions that you might never do anything. Mother Teresa has had a vision that you don't just walk past a baby, you pick it up, and if the idea catches on ... It is a very difficult position to get into equilibrium but I can imagine, without being critical, that it's unstoppable."

In 1994 Mother Teresa's attitude to the role medicine could play in her organisation became a matter of public debate when Dr Robin Fox, Editor of the *Lancet*, spent a day at the Home for the Dying. "Because it's such a long-standing place, I expected something that would be setting an example of how to look after the dying," he said.

His disappointment was intense. Although he had not initially intended to write anything, he felt compelled to. In the first place, he found the standard of medical care haphazard, with sisters and volunteers left to take decisions on no diagnostic basis. In addition, he wrote: "If you give money to Mother Teresa's home, don't expect it to be spent on some little luxury," referring to an electric blender he knew had been given to the home to help those who had trouble swallowing their food.

> 'A woman dying in agony spent her last hour being washed by a frightened, incompetent stranger'

"I was told it was not in accordance with their philosophy. What shocked me most was the insistence on simplicity to the point of discomfort. There are many things that could make a patient more comfortable, and yet keep the conditions consistent with those to which the poor were accustomed.

"Finally," he wrote, "how competent are the sisters at managing pain? On a short visit I could not judge the power of their spiritual approach, but I was disturbed to learn that the formulary includes no strong analgesics. This, along with the neglect of diagnosis, marks Mother Teresa's approach as clearly separate from the hospice movement. I know which I prefer."

Of the thousands of backpacking volunteers who fetch up at Mother Teresa's at all times of year, few write home praising the high standard of medical care. Although most nationalities are represented, most are English and American twentysomethings travelling in the sub-continent just before or after going to university. Many, says one British journalist, treat Mother Teresa's as a finishing school where you can lose weight.

"The two failsafe methods for getting thin in one's early twenties are to go to India or to get engaged. The first is easier," wrote Ysenda Maxtone Graham in May 1995. "To become a fully-fledged India girl you must, at some stage in your travels, work for Mother Teresa. The conscience of a girl who has lived a sheltered life on the private tennis courts of England is suddenly pricked. Doing menial tasks surrounded by the dying is a way of soothing it. The urge seems to be to stay for only a short time, but in that time to steep oneself in as much real-life misery as possible."

Most of the helpers, wherever they originate, stay in cheap hotels with peeling walls and cockroaches. And even if advice were given in advance, it would be impossible to describe the stench of rotten flesh, urine, faeces and disinfectant — many helpers are physically sick when they start work.

One difficulty experienced by many of the unpaid workers is the inability to communicate with the Indian paid workers (Macees) or the patients. There are Macees in all the homes, doing the cooking, most of the cleaning and many other things. The ones I saw looked far from cheerful, but perhaps they saw my jaw drop I watched a cloth being used to wipe the bottom of one child and, immediately after, the nose of another.

PANOS PICTURES

A volunteer trims a sick patient's nails at the home in Calcutta

Because of the large influx of refugees to Calcutta, even some knowledge of Bengali is often no use — more than 40 per cent of Calcutta's residents speak other languages. When Mary Loudon, an English volunteer, worked at the Home for the Dying, the first thing she was asked to do was wash a woman with tuberculosis. "She was in terrible pain, and so emaciated that the skin was hanging in folds from her arms. Nobody could tell me her name, so I told her mine instead. Nobody told me how to lift or hold her, so I improvised and said 'Sorry' in English when she wept with pain. I still feel profound shame that a woman dying in agony spent the last hour of her life being washed by a frightened, incompetent stranger who couldn't even apologise in her language."

Rose Billington — god-daughter of Malcolm Muggeridge and granddaughter of Lord Longford — spent a few weeks working for Mother Teresa between school and university in 1994. She was aware of the criticisms levelled at privileged students in her position going "to help in India".

She later wrote an article, in which she recorded her feeling that, had she been working for a development agency, she would have been imposing Western standards on a less powerful country. But at Mother Teresa's she "felt a great sense of release ... I was absolutely confident that what I was doing was right. If I picked up a boy with polio so he could look out of the window, or just made him laugh, I knew I was being helpful. It was strange to find out how easy it was to be good."

For Rose Billington, and hundreds like her, the sensation of putting the desire to do good into action without feeling guilt or ambiguity in their motives has been a transforming experience.

Such testimonies provide a key reason for Mother Teresa not simply encouraging the world's youth, many of whom stay for such short periods that they cannot possibly be of real help, but refusing to discriminate between those who might be of some use, and those who are not at all suited to such work. "I am so impressed with the young men and women who come to Calcutta from all over the world — Catholics, Christians and non-Christians," she wrote in a recent newsletter. "Daily they come for Mass and Adoration. During the day they serve the poor. And not one of them goes back the same."

Mother Teresa — Beyond the Image, *by Anne Sebba, Weidenfeld & Nicholson, £20. To order this book, call The Times Bookshop on 0990 134459 and save £2 on the publisher's RRP*

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"You know what? It is good that it is over." Mother Teresa on the collapse of the Royal marriage, the Nobel prize and the price of fame

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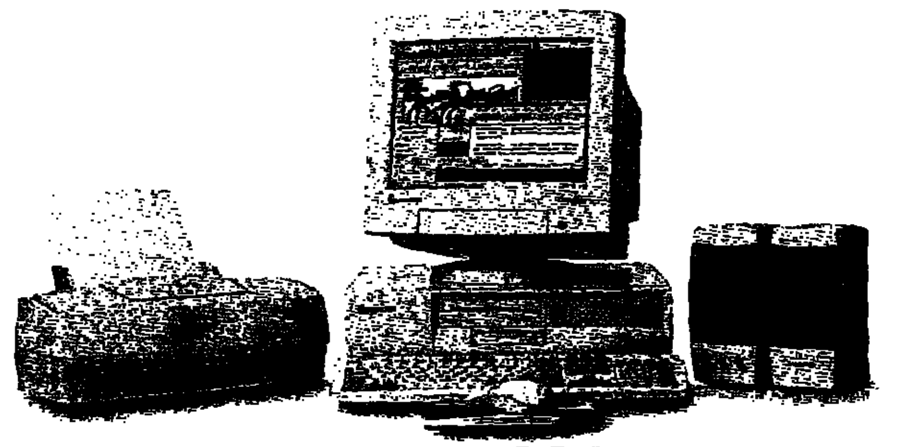

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■ Abandon all hope, ye who trample on my midlife crisis in cream

As a leading medieval scholar, I had of course long been familiar with that plangent metaphor from Dante's best-known work, *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*: "In the middle of the road of our life, I came to myself within a dark wood, where the straight way was lost." I had not only long been familar with it, I had as long trusted that it would be my crutch and succour when I myself struck the age at which much more than one's abdomen goes pear-shaped: I would, that is, feel far less solitary in my own midlife crisis with the knowledge that, seven centuries earlier, Dante had been there before me.

It has not worked. Though I have suddenly come to myself to find the straight way so lost that I no longer know how to eat, how to drink, how to walk, how to sleep, how to relate to my family, how to keep old friends or make new ones, or even what to do if a man comes to read the meter or an insect scuttles in behind him, it has not worked. It has not worked because, for all his genius, Dante didn't have the first idea about fitted Axminster. Especially in cream.

A quarter of a century ago, when I was so far from the middle that I didn't even know there was a wood, we moved into this house. Its floors and staircases were clad throughout in dark-brown carpet, which suited us very well, since we had toddlers who spilled things, threw things, brought things up, and dragged in from street and garden things the dog had so far neglected to. They didn't drag in things the cat had neglected to, because the cat dragged in only things that ran about, briefly, until the cat was ready to put a stop to it. The toddlers didn't do this because they had things of their own which ran about, after their cages had been opened, and until the cat was ready to put a stop to that, too. But we never minded, because the brown carpet was a dab hand at unnoticeably soaking up pee, blood, vomit and the rest, with a bit of help from other dabbing hands, enabling us to preen ourselves on being the sort of unfussy parents whose offspring would not one day end up supine on shrinks' couches, with their trembling legs straight up in the air so their shoes didn't touch the fabric.

We were also great hosts: guests could stomp in with muddy galoshes and dripping brollies and start drinking right away, so that there was bags of spilling time until they had to stagger to the table and begin knocking plates to a carpet canny enough to allow the soup to extinguish the cigarette butts, before imperceptibly absorbing it. It also took nosebleeds in its stride.

And then, last week, it went. Twenty-five years of domestic archaeology were lifted and envanned; and what was devanned was its cream replacement. For, having arrived at the middle, we decided to refurbish the wood, and we felt that cream would be just the ticket. It is. It is the ticket to the rest of the wood, where the straight way is lost. I have lived with it for a week, and I do not know where to turn.

I dare not smoke, except in the kitchen, and if the doorbell goes I have to stub out and tiptoe sockily across the cream hall in case the kitchen floor has left a tomato pip on my shoe, and when I open the door, I dare not let anyone in who does not remove his shoes. Worse yet, since my children have keys and could walk in at any time, before I could stop them, I dare not go upstairs.

I used to eat upstairs, in my study, my bed, my bath, a pizza, a cocoa, a brandy. I dare not do that now, or carry our breakfast tray there, wobbling up cream stairs, across cream landings, into cream rooms. I dare not carry anything, since I dare not put it down, lest there be something transferably uncream on its underside. If it rains I dare not step out, not just because I dare not step in again, but because a burglar might break in before wiping his feet. Yesterday a spider got away with murder, or rather, without it.

My dreams of grandtoddlers have become nightmares. I can never have another pet, I have thrown my last party and eaten my last mango. I live in terror of everything, except dandruff; terror no one else can begin to imagine, for — as even the uncarpeted Dante knew — "com'è duro calle lo scendere e'l salir per l'altrui scale". How hard is the way up and down another man's stairs.

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Scotland's tax timebomb

Mr Blair is wrong: his White Paper will give Scots fiscal autonomy even with a Yes-No vote. They should use it to undercut England

Simon Jenkins

Tony Blair has no vote in tomorrow's Scottish referendum. Yet he has already given his verdict on its "tax-varying" question two. He wants it null and void. He wishes the Scots to vote yes to their parliament having the power to vary income tax. Yet he will not allow them to exercise that power. He wants Scotland to enjoy fiscal discretion but, having willed that end, cannot bring himself to will the means. He wants Scotland to have babies without having sex.

This is baffling. Mr Blair is ordering the mightiest political machine in the land, the London-led Labour Party, to deny Scotland precisely the autonomy he wants it to grasp. This is the more baffling because the radicalism of tomorrow's question one — setting up the parliament — makes question two irrelevant. Of course any self-respecting parliament should be allowed to vary taxes. But under question two, that power is merely to vary tax by no more than 3p in the pound, yielding (or denying) Scotland a maximum of £450 million. This sum is trivial. The Scottish parliament will be responsible for some £14 billion.

The hullabaloo over question two assumes that any government will raise any tax that comes to hand. This is not true of income tax. Governments the world over do nothing but cut it, throwing the burden on other taxes. British politicians throw it on to borrowing. The Scots may be capable of much lunacy, but I doubt they will let their new parliament do anything as stupid, indeed suicidal, as to put up income tax. They do not need Mr Blair's centralist diktat. If I were a Scottish parliamentarian, I would move heaven and earth not just to hold Scottish taxes steady but to cut them below English ones, if only by 1p. The marketing boost for Scotland would be sensational. Noses would be thumbed at the Tories, Mr Blair and the whole of Britain — at a price of barely 1 per cent of the Scottish budget.

Nor need this mean any cut in services, at least if the White Paper can be taken at its word. This astonishing paper is no constitutional soft-shoe shuffle. It is the most liberal constitutional reform in Britain since Home Rule for Ireland, if not since 1688. Scotland is to have, not a talking-shop like Wales or the European Parliament, but full democratic autonomy over is internal affairs. A Scottish executive with its own "First Minister" will have charge of transport, education, training, health, environment, the law, prisons, economic development. Where appropriate, a Scottish minister will sit alongside "British" ones at European meetings. Powers reserved to Westminster are limited to social security, VAT, the regulation of industry, and defence and foreign affairs.

The beef of the White Paper lies in its seventh chapter, on finance, and particularly in paragraphs 7.24 to 7.26. They are like a disclaimer clause in an insurance contract, a bomb fused but not timed. These permit the new parliament to decide "whether and how" to cap local council tax, and "the form of local taxation, both domestic and non-domestic, which local auhorities will be permitted to levy". There is no limit on these powers, although London may cut the block grant to Scotland should it view the parliament as excessively extravagant.

This is radical devolution. Even if income tax is left from the reckoning, the parliament will have the power to vary all local taxes. It can abolish the council tax cap. It can vary or devolve to councils the uniform business rate. It can invent a whole new basis for local taxation, including business property tax incentives to win inward investment. Indeed I cannot seehow London could stop it giving local authorities the freedom to levy a local income tax, thus circumventing a "no" to question two. The Scottish parliament is free to play many variations on a fiscal theme — all of which offer it a chance to force up local taxes to reduce income tax.

For the past quarter century, British central government has been struggling to cut income tax. This hated tax is inescapable, personal and widely publicised. Voters identify it with the venality of government. British Cabinets have, since the mid-1970s, slowly shifted the tax burden on to VAT and local property rates. In America, this shift was central to the Newt Gingrich "revolution". Local taxes have contributed a rising share of public revenue, even when local spending has not comprised a rising share of public spending.

The only exception in Britain was during the advent and demise of the poll tax in 1989-93. This tax was so unpopular that the Tories capped and subsidised it to keep it down, losing billions in local revenue as a result. Property taxes in Britain fell by some 30 per cent in real terms in the first half of this decade. Other taxes had to rise, crippling the Tories with the charge of being a "high-tax" party. I estimate that, but for poll tax, the Tories could have gone into the last election with a basic rate of income tax of 20p.

Scottish local taxes have also plummeted. Bringing them back to their level before the poll tax fiasco would give the Scottish parliament all the legroom it needs, not just to hold income tax north of the border but to cut it. A 1p cut in income tax would cost just 3 per cent in the new parliament's revenue support grant to Scottish local councils. The £150 million would imply a rise in local domestic and business rates of 7.5 per cent. These taxpayers might howl, but let them. They are only returning to the status quo ante-Thatcher. Besides, their income tax will be lower.

More to the point, this shift need not be achieved by crudely adjusting the local grant figures. By uncapping local taxes, the parliament would empower local councils either to raise local taxes or cut services (or make them more efficient). This is precisely the choice that Westminster is now giving Edinburgh. What is sauce for one tier of subsidiarity is sauce for another.

The current debate on question two takes as its premise the claim that local government will always spend more if given half a chance. This is true of central government (and of some far-left local councils) but not of British local government overall. The Westminster Parliament spent so much in the early 1990s that it is now having to borrow more than ever in its history. Local government spending fell as a share of public expenditure throughout the past two decades except, as Tony Travers of the London School of Economics has shown, when central government decided to cap its expenditure. This was a fiasco. The few extravagant councils spent less, but the numerous thrifty ones felt released from local accountability and spent more.

The iron law of fiscal control is that the closer a democratic entity is to an electorate, the more stingy it will be. The most spendthrift governments are supranational, the United Nations and the European Union. The most parsimonious are the most local. English parishes, like districts in Northern Ireland, are too terrified of their voters to spend their entitlement, even though they are now uncapped. The local levy always lags behind centrally determined taxes.

Scotland is tomorrow embarking on what the Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, calls "an adventure". It is only an adventure to the isolated occupants of the British Isles. Constitutional (and fiscal) devolution is practised everywhere else in Europe. Britain's inability to devolve has been a blot on its political escutcheon from Braveheart and Glendower to the American colonies and the troubles in Ireland. Devolution is the one ideology that London has never comprehended. Centralist arrogance is embedded in Britain's political elite.

Until this remarkable White Paper. Three pence here or there on income tax is not the issue. If the White Paper becomes law, Scottish people will have power to fix their own taxes on property, on public services, on businesses, even on income. Through this they could even achieve what the current debate ignores: the sensation of a cut in income tax north of the border. To do this the Edinburgh parliament need only devolve "tax-varying powers" to its subsidiary local councils. In other words, it must show the same obeisance to devolution as, all of a sudden, has Westminster.

Tomorrow, if I were a Scot, I would treat question two as an insult and an irrelevance. I would spoil the ballot paper, except that the answer to question one heralds the most exciting innovation in British government this century.

Snakeoil, software and Gates

Anatole Kaletsky deconstructs the empire Bill built

Two weeks ago I devoted this column to a light-hearted diatribe against Bill Gates, the world's most successful salesman, and the mayhem caused by his flagship computer software, Windows 95. Although I knew from personal experience that many proficient computer users were as irritated as I was about the unreliability of Microsoft's products, I was surprised by my readers' response.

In my 21 years as a journalist, I had never written an article that generated more letters. And unlike the correspondence provoked by my past campaigns — for example, against Britain's membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism — the response was unanimous. Among the many letters, there was not one from a satisfied user of Windows or other Microsoft products. Of course, a deskful of letters is hardly a reliable gauge of public opinion, but the vehemence of this response suggests that this is an issue worth pursuing, if only because of the pivotal role of the computer industry in the global economic expansion and the bull market in shares around the world.

In the last article I considered the first question that strikes anyone who tries to use a Windows personal computer: why are computers so unreliable and difficult to use? The short answer seemed to be that the computer industry is dominated by two companies: Mr Gates's Microsoft and Intel, which manufactures the microprocessors at the heart of every PC. By constantly changing specifications and adding technical gimmicks which use up ever more of the PC's memory and processing power, these companies keep up the pressure on their customers to invest in new hardware and software. This constant "upgrading", in turn, makes existing systems appear obsolete. Anyone who has tried to get a spare part or hardware driver for a four-year-old computer will know what I mean."We're running a business here, not a museum," is often the gist of the manufacturer's reply.

Amazingly, computer users meekly bow to this kind of insolence. Imagine how they would react if Ford or General Motors announced that spare parts would no longer be available for "obsolete" K-registration cars.

The constant churning of computer features and technology is in the interests of the dominant manufacturers for one all-important reason. It prevents technical standards from stabilising, which would lead to dramatic reductions in prices. As I mentioned two weeks ago, this approach is remarkably similar to the strategy adopted by American car manufacturers in the 1960s, when consumers were expected to replace their cars each year to benefit from more powerful engines, even though most of them never drove faster than 70 miles an hour. Unfortunately technological churning also prevents improvements in reliability and quality. Would you feel safe in an aircraft if you knew that Rolls-Royce and Pratt and Whitney were reinventing the jet engine every six months?

Technological churning also prevents the establishment of common standards which would make equipment compatible and allow computers to work seamlessly together, in the way that is taken for granted when we plug in a new television set, CD player or telephone.

In sum, Microsoft and Intel, like General Motors and Ford in the 1960s, have completely skewed the rules of engagement in the computer industry: instead of competing on price, reliability and quality, they have overwhelmed potential competitors with constantly changing gimmicks and claims about "speed" and "power".

The main reason, I think, is that most people who pay for computers — be they company directors, parents or head teachers — know nothing about information technology but think it is frightfully important. They believe computers hold the key to their company's or their school's or their children's future.

So nothing but the best will do. Parents who would not dream of buying their child a £500 bicycle when a second-hand bike will do, feel proud of spending £2,000 instead of £1,000 on the latest 200 MHz Pentium Plus with MMX technology. Heads who are sacking teachers, closing libraries and abandoning school plays for lack of funds, think nothing of spending thousands on multimedia Internet computers. Even finance directors who boast of cutting wages, reducing pensions and abolishing company cars lie down like lambs when the IT department tells them that the company needs to be "future-proofed" by buying workstations that can download animations from Japan, play three-dimensional computer games and show five channels of video all at the same time.

How can this strange behaviour be explained? It seems apposite to draw another comparison: with the American healthcare business before employers started taking serious steps to control their medical costs. The people who buy computers today are driven by the same combination of ignorance, embarrassment, hope and foreboding that turned many Americans into hypochondriacs.

Under these circumstances, market forces can fail to perform their normal function of bringing down prices and stabilising standards, as they failed in American healthcare for many years. When people are driven by irrational hopes and fears, they are natural suckers for panaceas. Bill Gates is the latest and most successful in the long history of American snakeoil salesmen.

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Booted out

COULD this be the first time a pair of cowboy boots has caused a diplomatic incident? On his most recent visit to London, President Clinton presented Tony Blair with a fine example of Texan footwear.

So enamoured was the soberly dressed Blair of this gift that he has passed it on to Peter Mandelson. The mercurial Minister Without Portfolio has no such sartorial reservations and has padded about in the boots.

Indeed, for a man credited with putting Labour into suits, Mandelson now seems to be adopting a more casual image. He paid his respects outside Kensington Palace in a leather jacket, and can often be seen puffing around the streets near his large west London house in gym kit.

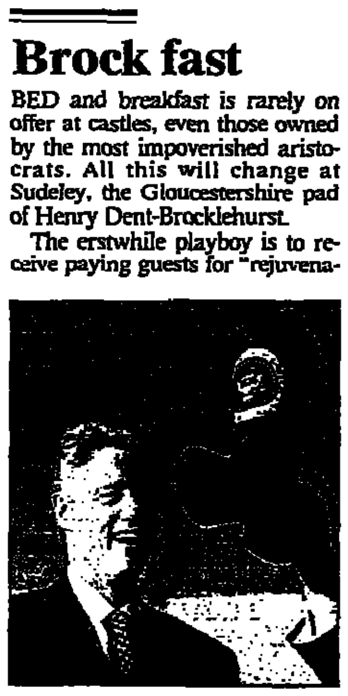
When John Major was given a racehorse called Makfat for his 50th birthday in 1993 by the President of Turkmenistan, he elected to leave it in Melton Mowbray (the stabling is below par in Downing Street). The President, a Mr Saparmurad Niyazov, was hurt.

Clinton will be less judgmental with Blair. An Australian MP, a crocodile farmer from the Northern Territory, presented him with a pair of crocodile boots on a presidential trip down under. With rare restraint, he has eschewed giving them a test drive, restricting himself to loafers.

Brock fast

BED and breakfast is rarely on offer at castles, even those owned by the most impoverished aristocrats. All this will change at Sudeley, the Gloucestershire pad of Henry Dent-Brocklehurst.

The erstwhile playboy is to receive paying guests for "rejuvenation weekends" at which jaded city exiles will be fed veggies and fruit juice. With the help of his fiancée, Lili Maltese, he plans to turn the castle into a health farm.



Cowboy style: Clinton

Yoga, which Brocklehurst spent three years studying in Los Angeles, will loom large in visitors' weekends. "Having experimented in my youth looking for the ultimate high through drugs," he confides to *Harpers & Queen*, "I found it aged 28 when I started doing Ashtanga yoga." Hmmm.

● *Pity flows as fast as fiction from the heart of Martin Amis. "I feel this pity for non-novelists whenever I come across them," he tells* Esquire *magazine. "How are you going to live in a denuded world when you're just living in it, no longer giving it some shape? Deep energies and ... corrosive emotions are involved in writing." But not, it would seem, in reading Amis's excruciating musings.*

Square deal

TWENTY years of hard campaigning and French opera fans were thrilled to hear that the Mayor of Paris, Jean Tiberi, was about to rename the Place de l'Alma after Maria Callas, the legendary soprano. A ceremony was planned to mark the twentieth anniversary of her death in 1977. But following the death of Diana, a movement is underfoot to rename the fashionable square Place Lady Diana. By the Seine, only 100 yards from the Pont Alma, the bridge over the fateful underpass, it has become a memorial to Diana and is filled with flowers.

● *Not very new Labour. The launch party of Derek Draper's compelling study of Tony Blair's first 100 days will be held at the former Soho home of Karl Marx.*

Deep pan

PICK on someone your own size, Your Excellency. Rome's man in London, Paolo Galli, has offered some sharp opinions on his country's bulkiest cultural export, Luciano Pavarotti.

Signor Galli bristled with patrician disdain: "He used to have a very good voice but no longer, I am afraid. He is a bit, er, over the hill," the ambassador suggested over a glass of prosecco. "And he also has, how you say, little brain."

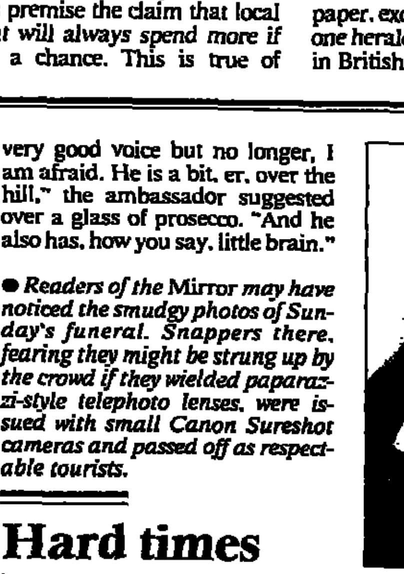
● *Readers of the* Mirror *may have noticed the smudgy photos of Sunday's funeral. Snappers there, fearing they might be strung up by the crowd if they wielded paparazzi-style telephoto lenses, were issued with small Canon Sureshot cameras and passed off as respectable tourists.*

Hard times

THESE are testing days for writer Tessa Dahl, the daughter of Roald Dahl and mother of talented young model Sophie. After an eventful decade or two, skipping through a couple of marriages, an affair with Peter Sellers and a flirtation with Hollywood, she is on the verge of bankruptcy.

A notice posted yesterday by the Official Receiver announced that Tessa Donovan had petitioned for bankruptcy. The name dates from her second marriage to Patrick Donovan, an Australian banker. They divorced after 19 months.

Her woes continued this January when she flew to Australia with an Antipodean television presenter, Richard Zachariah, whom she had met over Christmas. She returned after a month, pleading that "Australia's an awful long way away".



Brassed off: Tessa Dahl

Ms Dahl, 40, has struggled to make her literary mark although two of her books remain in print. One is called *Matilda and the Animals*, a tale about a young girl's fight to liberate zoo animals.

At her London home yesterday, a flustered Ms Dahl said she was in "too much of a rush" to comment until a High Court hearing next week. Her publishers, Puffin, are protective: "All we know is that she is not feeling very well."

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BRIGHTON ROCKED

Adapt or die, trade unionists are told

Time was, not so long ago, when Labour leaders went to the TUC congress to drive a bargain. From their side of the negotiating table, the politicians offered an end to Tory labour laws. From the other, they extracted secret pledges of support for tricky votes at their forthcoming party conference. Tony Blair's message yesterday was that times have changed.

There was no deal to be struck, no barter on offer. Mr Blair does need help to win his party reforms but he was not in a mood to promise concessions to secure it. Indeed, he went out of his way to provoke the more old-fashioned unionists. "I look forward", he said, "to the day I come to the TUC and the phrase 'labour law' is not mentioned."

The message he brought was a simple one: trade unions had to modernise or die. The world of work has changed hugely in the past two decades; so have most British institutions and so has the Labour Party. Only the unions still seem stuck in a 1970s time warp — and not even a fashionable retro version at that. They are still in denial, trying to wish away an economy that is globalised, flexible and uncertain, that values services more than manufacturing, that creates jobs for women more than men. Today's is an economy, as Mr Blair pointed out, which employs more people in design than in the car industry, and sells more rock music abroad than steel.

The Prime Minister was listened to stonily, and applauded politely. To much of the audience, he was saying things that they did not want to hear. But he was right. These changes will not be reversed. Jobs for life will not return. Steel, mining and shipbuilding will never again be great British industries. But others will take their place. And the unions, if they do not transform themselves, will become like a rusted hulk on the Tyne.

In their attitudes, their manner and even their appearance, some of these barons at Brighton could not be more calculated to alienate the very people they need to attract. Why should women, who make up the fastest-growing part of the labour force, want to join unions which are run, almost without exception, by men? Why would the young, also thinly unionised, want to join the ranks of the predominantly middle-aged? Why should the self-employed or those working in small businesses, who have to be flexible and competitive to survive, be attracted by rhetoric that continually casts scorn on those two words?

The unions need to change their attitudes towards employers too. The best have done so already, recognising that only profitable companies can offer good rates of pay, generous working conditions and an expansion in jobs. But, until all unions recognise that their interests are shared with business, not in opposition, employers will have every incentive to ignore them. It is far more attractive to deal directly with employees than to have an oppositionist layer interposing itself between management and staff.

And these days, good companies understand that employees need motivating. Government may lay down minimum standards at work, but the best employers offer far more. These benefits do not need to be extracted, like a poisoned tooth. They are offered freely in the knowledge that both sides of industry gain from employees who are committed and loyal enough to work hard and be productive.

Mr Blair was brave to tell these home truths to his paymasters. He was also in tune with the times: and they would do well to catch up. Rather than being dragged struggling and reluctant into the 21st century, trade unions should learn a lesson from the party they back. Modernisation works.

BETTER IN THAN OUT

Ulster Unionists, not Sinn Fein, are the crucial players

The sight of the Sinn Fein leadership striding into Stormont Castle yesterday will have turned many stomachs. The speed with which Gerry Adams — his pockets freshly filled with American funds — has again moved from outright pariah to international peacemaker is unsettling, if not offensive. Many in Northern Ireland and elsewhere will sense that the IRA's violation of its initial ceasefire and its preceding quarter century of ceaseless carnage has been swept under the carpet. Once bitten does not seem to have made for twice shy.

Despite this, it is now a political fact that Sinn Fein will be present when the talks resume on Monday. It can also be assumed that the IRA will retain its discipline, at least in the short term. John Hume will also be there after his wise decision to forsake a prospective campaign and probable victory in the contest for the Irish Presidency. He has put the peace process ahead of personal prestige. The SDLP will be much the stronger for his sacrifice. The forces of nationalism — constitutional and confrontational — will be represented by a formidable team.

Whether Unionists will be involved in any form remains an open question. For all Mr Adams' posturing it is also the crucial one. It would have been perfectly possible to procede without Sinn Fein, although that option was often underminded by the actions of London and Dublin. A dialogue conducted without any figures from Ulster's majority community would be an empty exercise. The Democratic Unionists and Robert McCarthy's UK Unionists have already opted out. The decision that David Trimble and his Ulster Unionist colleagues will shortly announce is thus of the utmost importance.

A forceful case can be made for a boycott. The IRA's embrace of a second ceasefire is an act of calculation, not conversion. Had the election results in Britain or Ireland returned the incumbent administrations the republicans might well have intensified the killing rather than abandoned it. The issue of weapons decommissioning may well be sidelined. Unionists could argue that both pure principle and practical politics demand that they unite against participation. All their energy could then be focused on ensuring that an eventual referendum on the charade at Stormont resulted in rejection.

Such sentiments should attract sympathy but they ultimately lack sophistication. The Unionists would exclude themselves entirely from the package of proposals that would be put before their people. It would be an enormous risk to place all their faith in the referendum. In such a poll the British and Irish Governments would be strident champions of an affirmation. International opinion and vast campaign contributions would doubtless be mobilised. Some 40 per cent of the Ulster electorate would be automatically attracted to a settlement. With the prospect of a return to bloodshed as an alternative, the republicans might succeed in blackmailing their way to a majority. Mr Trimble is surely too shrewd to allow the IRA such a free hand over Northern Ireland's future.

The Ulster Unionists should remain at the table but act with caution. Good taste as well as due tactics imply that they should at first avoid direct contact with Mr Adams. The proximity techniques devised during the Dayton deliberations on Bosnia should be deployed in Belfast. Substantial progress may still be made by these means and the sincerity of Sinn Fein can be tested. The decommissioning of terrorist weapons must remain the currency of that trust. As long as the principle of consent — that the final voice is solely that of a majority in the Province — remains cast-iron, then Mr Trimble is better off in than out. If that provision is diluted then he should head for the door. All those with any respect for British democracy and the rule of law should not be far behind him.

BOFFINS IN REVOLT

But all professions suffer from stereotypes

Scientists are steaming their spectacles over their image. At a British Association meeting in Leeds, Dr Helen Haste of Bath University spoke out against stock-in-trade stereotypes. They propagate damaging impressions of the discipline, she said. Mr Spock, the pointy-eared rationalist of the starship *Enterprise*, typecasts the scientist as a coldly calculating dilemma-cruncher, devoid of moral values.

The image of the scientist as a sinister figure, a mad meddler usurping divine powers, goes back as far as Dr Faust. It set the tone of Romantic thinking, of such characters as Mary Shelley's Dr Frankenstein. The theme of experimentation gone awry is carried through into such sinister modern figures as the wheelchair weirdo, Dr Strangelove. But since the dawn of modern science, the age of Bacon, Newton or Galileo, scientists have also been seen as the benefactors of mankind. Modern Merlins, they took over the role of the magician and the priest, predicting, inventing and transforming the world — working real-life miracles. With the birth of science fiction as a literary genre, scientists were often presented as daredevil adventurers, heroes who expanded horizons. But Dr Haste does not like these images either. The implication that science can offer a salvation to man, she says, raises false expectations.

Professions have always had their stereotypes: the ivory-towered poet, the suave-tongued diplomat, the grey-suited civil servant, or the baying hack. Certainly in the late 20th century these standardisations have often been coarsened and simplified into instantly recognisable types. Mass audiences have a brief attention span. But do scientists really suffer for this?

The laboratory, in reality, can be a muted climate. Experimentation often involves years of repetitive labour with little reward. Portrayal of scientists as latterday explorers, of their work as some wizard wheeze pushing back boundaries of knowledge, can serve as a gentle encouragement to those whose lives may sometimes seem thanklessly dedicated to minutiae which the uninitiated are unwilling or unable to understand. Surely characters such as that of the alluring egghead played by Jodie Foster in the recently released *Contact* or the bulbous-eyed biologist played by Jeff Goldblum in *The Lost World* bring excitement to science's sometimes dry domain.

Rather than deter young people from science, such stereotypes enthuse them. And anyway, are these images so unreal? History is littered with heroic scientists: Marie Curie, Louis Pasteur and James Lister, to name but a few. The boffins should come out of their laboratories and take a bow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Media response to funeral of Princess

From Mr Graham Shorter

Sir, Recent events have demonstrated that there yet exists amongst Britons a sense of solidarity, pride and loyalty. Those journalists who compiled the Channel 4 report concerning alleged disputes between the parties organising Saturday's funeral clearly have learnt nothing. The same may be said for those who have since further fuelled the perceived "scandal". What if there were some disagreement? Does it matter?

The sooner journalists cotton on to the distinction between what they think is of interest to the public and what is "in the public interest", the better.

Yours truly,
GRAHAM SHORTER,
26 The Hollows,
Long Eaton, Nottingham.
September 9.

From Mr David Shepherd

Sir, If the offended parties are so anxious to escape the press, and I have every sympathy with them, then they shouldn't invite a photographer to view the burial island.

If they want us to respect their privacy then the least they can do is to respect ours. Quite frankly many of us simply don't want to know.

Yours,
DAVID SHEPHERD,
42 Westland Way,
Woodstock, Oxfordshire.
September 9.

From Mr I. M. H. Kremer

Sir, Who has dictated that it is only the Royal Family who should be afforded protection from a grossly intrusive media?

Yours faithfully,
IVAN KREMER,
Rostherne, The Avenue,
Radlett, Hertfordshire.
September 9.

From Mr Tadeusz Stone

Sir, As I understand it, the "media" includes both television and radio. One wouldn't think so from their "holier than thou" attitude to the press.

I would put programmes such as GMTV, *This Morning* (both ITV) and *The Magazine* (Radio 5) — with their phone-ins, telephone polls and poor-taste reporting on Princess Diana and the Royal Family — in the same category as the tabloids.

Yours faithfully,
TAD STONE,
Severnside House,
Purton, Berkeley, Gloucestershire.
September 9.

From Mr Timothy H. Jones

Sir, The Church of England, and in particular the staff of Westminster Abbey, should be thanked publicly and complimented for the wonderful funeral service held for Diana, Princess of Wales.

Those responsible for arranging the liturgy were able to blend the new with the old in an extraordinarily moving and beautiful way which compromised neither the Anglican Church's traditions nor its time-honoured beliefs.

It is a pity that the media, to some extent, hijacked the occasion in order to highlight the controversial remarks of Lord Spencer when the purpose of the service was an opportunity to heal wounds and point people to God.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY H. JONES,
25 - 3 Edina Place, Edinburgh 7.

From Mrs Diana Slorick

Sir, In this time of criticism of the press and media we should express our thanks to the BBC for its restraint and sensitivity over the television coverage of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

No prying lenses on the sad faces of the bereaved but dignified and controlled broadcasting, as befits a nation in mourning.

Yours faithfully,
DIANA SLORICK,
67 Royalty Lane,
New Longton, Preston, Lancashire.
September 8.

Renaming airports

From Mrs Elizabeth Nicholson

Sir, If we were to honour all the members of our society who support charitable causes and strike many of the people who meet them as being warm and likeable, but who never actually do anything of particular note, the country would be positively bristling with personalised airports.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH NICHOLSON,
109 Alleyn Park, SE21.
September 9.

A new age?

From Mr Nigel Sarjudeen

Sir, Surely an encouraging sign for all those clamouring for the modernisation of the Establishment is the fact that the Prime Minister who read the lesson at Diana's funeral is younger than the pop star who sang.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL SARJUDEEN,
134 Rowan Avenue,
Hove, East Sussex.
September 8.

Taxing questions within devolution

From Mr Hugh Craigie Halkett

Sir, I am very pleased to hear that Mr Blair has stated that the Scottish parliament will not use its tax-varying powers, but I am just as puzzled as Mr Nicholas Hinde (letter, September 9; see also letters, September 8) as to how he knows.

Based on Labour's vote at the last election, Labour would be three MSPs short of an overall majority in any new Scottish parliament. As such Labour will have to work with another party if it is to gain control. This party will probably be the Liberal Democrats. Now I know the Liberal Democrats are new Labour by another name, but I was unaware that Tony Blair was their elected leader to speak on their behalf.

What happens if the £14 billion allocated to Scotland is reduced over the next five years? Is Mr Blair trying to tell us that a Scottish parliament would not seek to make up such a shortfall, either by levying a "tartan tax" or by seeking to make companies uncompetitive through the raising of business rates? That hardly seems credible.

The truth of the matter is, as Tony Blair very well knows, no one individual can guarantee that every man, woman and child in Scotland will not be "tartan-taxed" over the next five years — his guarantee is totally worthless.

Fortunately there is one way to guarantee that a Scottish parliament does not tax you for being Scottish — voting "no" to the second question on Thursday.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH CRAIGIE HALKETT
(Managing Director),
H. D. Management,
20 Chester Street, Edinburgh 13.
September 9.

From Mr Frank Spencer-Nairn

Sir, In the final hours of the referendum campaign the supporters of devolution are arguing that their opponents are not prepared to trust the people of Scotland and that democracy will decide in the future whether Scotland is satisfied with devolution or prefers to proceed towards separation and independence. This naive approach is flawed.

The problem is that the democratic choice of the people will in the future be heavily influenced by the inherent instability of a devolved parliament. The proposals are a recipe for conflict, recrimination and stalemate whenever the UK Government is of a different political disposition to the Scottish executive. It will be only a matter of time before a new wave of nationalism will favour independence.

I do not believe Scotland needs 129 more politicians with extra bureaucracy, infrastructure and costs, and a taxation bill to go with it; nor does Scotland need the muddle and ambiguity of a two-tier system of national government when it has recently done away with two-tier local government for the same reasons.

Instead let's make our existing 72 MPs work harder to earn their keep, and devise a system where they do more of their work in Scotland and devote more time to debating issues and passing Scottish legislation in Scotland, but within the framework of a United Kingdom Parliament.

Yours,
FRANK SPENCER-NAIRN,
Culligran,
Struy, Beauly, Inverness-shire.
September 9.

From Mr William M. Ballantine

Sir, Anything other than a high turnout, coupled to a large "yes" vote in Scotland on Thursday, will be a defeat for the pro-devolutionists. They have been claiming, for years, that we Scots are massively in favour of it and that it is "the settled will of the Scottish people", yet now they are running scared because apathy may, after all, play a major part in proceedings (as some of us predicted).

The fact that taxpayers' money has had to be spent urging people to go and vote at all, coupled to the fact that the Labour Party is having to send its big guns north this week, speaks volumes.

Yours faithfully,
W. M. BALLANTINE,
47 The Quarryknowes,
Dean Road, Bo'ness, West Lothian.
September 8.

From Dr Anthony Field

Sir, Before the Scottish and Welsh Nationalists vote in their referendums can I pray they will carefully assess what has been achieved by nationalism in this century and what has been destroyed — in Ireland and Spain, Israel and South Africa, Serbia and Croatia, Germany and Iran — the list is endless.

Yours truly,
ANTHONY FIELD,
152 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2.
September 9.

Red tape still rules

From Mr Michael Lewis

Sir, I was recently invited to speak at a major Russian conference at Moscow State University and at the British Council in St Petersburg.

After endless earlier difficulties with the paperwork, I stood in the visa queue at the Embassy of the Russian Federation in London for three hours with a group of distinguished scientists, only to have the door slammed in our face with no explanation or apology. I cancelled my visit.

When I informed the conference organisers, they asked me to complain publicly with all the force at my command, as they are having increasing difficulty in getting speakers to visit, and always for the same reason — the bureaucracy, unhelpfulness and rudeness of the staff of the embassy.

Is it official Russian policy to discourage visits from those of us who would like to share our knowledge, experience and expertise without payment?

Yours sincerely,
M. A. LEWIS,
39 Coombe Lea,
Grand Avenue,
Hove, East Sussex.
September 8.

Vultures' return

From Mr James Wilde

Sir, I read with interest your report (August 27) that the bearded vulture *Gypaëtus barbatus* has bred successfully in the French Alps. This is exciting news and it is to be hoped the experiment continues to be successful.

This year during one week at the end of May my wife and I counted six of these birds, including three immatures, at various sites in the Spanish Pyrenees — a greater number than we have seen on all our previous trips to the region. That the bird is increasing its numbers in the Pyrenees is a triumph for the Spanish ornithological community, who keep an active watch on the welfare of the birds.

There are those who question the wisdom of trying to turn the clock back by reintroducing species to regions they once inhabited. But the fact that this majestic bird, often with a wingspan exceeding 9ft, is soaring once again over the high alps will lift the spirits of conservationists everywhere.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES WILDE,
29 Florida Fields,
Castle Cary, Somerset.
August 28.

Pollution of the oceans

From Lord Melchett,
Executive Director of Greenpeace UK

Sir, Your editorial on the discharge of toxic waste into the seas around Britain ("Out of the Ocean", September 3; see also report, "Britain gives up right to dump nuclear waste at sea", same day) says that science on endocrine disrupters — chemicals mimicking the behaviour of human hormones — "remains as yet too sketchy".

All the North-East Atlantic countries, including the UK, are committed by Article 2 of the Oslo and Paris Convention to the "precautionary principle" under which action should be taken " … when there are reasonable grounds for concern [that chemicals] may bring about hazards to human health … even when there is no conclusive evidence of a causal relationship between the inputs and the effects".

There are safe alternatives to most of the chemicals suspected or proven to be endocrine disrupters. These could be used at little or no extra cost. For example, there are alternatives to virtually every use of PVC — a plastic which releases endocrine-disrupting dioxins to the environment during production and incineration, and often contains other endocrine disrupters such as some of the phthalates (plastic softeners).

You say that "precipitate action here [to reduce the amount of chemicals reaching the sea] could easily cost billions of pounds".

We know of no evidence to support this assertion. You highlight the cost of action, but fail to consider the cost of inaction.

Yours sincerely,
PETER MELCHETT,
Executive Director,
Greenpeace UK,
Canonbury Villas, N1.

From Ms Elizabeth Salter

Sir, You state that the science surrounding endocrine disrupters is still "too sketchy" to be sure any damage is being done.

Must we wait to see the effects of mass infertility or behavioural abnormalities in both animals and human beings before action is taken? We are already seeing dramatic evidence of such effects in the bald eagle population of the Great Lakes, among other species.

The UK Government's decision to reduce the discharge of hazardous chemicals into the sea, as well as giving up its right to dump nuclear waste, is a welcome first step. I and my colleagues at the World Wide Fund for Nature look forward to contributing to a plan of action with all interested parties — government and industry — to implement this decision.

Yours sincerely,
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Author's review of our 'brainstorm'

From Mr David A. Gemmell

Sir, After writing 22 novels over 13 years I was a little disheartened to find that the first review to appear in *The Times* (Directory, September 6) — a review that attacks me for becoming dull — is for a story I had no part in creating.

Your excellent reviewer, Donald Watt, was in fact reviewing *Polgara the Sorceress* by David and Leigh Eddings, not "David and Leigh Gemmell".

My new novel, *Echoes of the Great Song*, is published early next month. Perhaps Donald Watt might take a look at it to see whether Gemmell still writes "taut, exciting adventures".

As an ex-journalist I do appreciate how such brainstorms occur. After a mistake of mine back in the 1960s the following correction appeared in the next week's edition of the *Acton Gazette*:

> Due to an error in the preparation of last week's *Gazette* two photographs were transposed. We apologise to Cllr Ray * * * * for suggesting he was a vegetable, and to allotment owner Mr Bernard * * * *, whose prize-winning carrot did not make a speech at Faraday School prizegiving.

All the best,
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September 7.

Arts for everyone

From the Acting Secretary-General
of the Arts Council of England

Sir, I was very pleased to read Richard Morrison's passionate endorsement of the benefits which people gain from participating in the arts (article, Arts, September 5). As he points out, Arts for Everyone (A4E) has had an enormous galvanising effect, enabling thousands of people to enjoy creative activities they otherwise might not have explored. I would, however, take issue with him on the reason that the Arts Council created A4E.

It had nothing to do with any criticism for "stuffing £78 million of lottery dosh into the pockets of those destitutes" at Covent Garden. As one of the people who developed the scheme (before I joined the Arts Council), I can say quite confidently that it arose from a genuine wish to extend the Arts Council's sphere of activity and to enable as many people as possible to have the experiences that Mr Morrison so eloquently describes.

Yours sincerely,
G. DEVLIN,
Acting Secretary-General,
Arts Council of England,
14 Great Peter Street, SW1.
September 8.

Ask a silly question . . .

From Mr Andrew Baskerville

Sir, At a job interview in 1991 I was asked not what piece of furniture I wished to be (Mr Peter Gordon's letter, September 1), but what sort of animal.

We had to reply immediately and give it very little thought. I replied "A horse", and on being asked to be more specific, "A racehorse". To my knowledge the replies from the other two candidates were a hawk and a sheepdog.

I don't know how much importance was attached to these answers but it may be of note that I was the successful applicant.

It would be interesting to know if my employers, during the time I have worked for them, feel the analogy is accurate.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW BASKERVILLE,
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From Mr J. Parkin

Sir, At my first ever interview in 1959 I was asked: "How many lamp posts are there between your home and here?" My reply was: "I really don't know, Sir, but if it's important to my application, I will go back and count them."

I got the job.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PARKIN,
1 Spenlow Close,
Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire.
September 2.

From Colonel Oliver Lindsay

Sir, At the final interviews for the Foreign Office exams in the late 1950s my brother was asked what he knew about the Dead Sea Scrolls. Another candidate was asked to identify his greatest weakness. "Overmodesty," he promptly replied.

Both failed.

Yours unexamined,
OLIVER LINDSAY,
Brookwood House,
Brookwood, nr Woking, Surrey.

From Mrs Janet Balchin

Sir, It should not matter what piece of furniture Mr Gordon's son chooses to be as long as he fulfils the ideals set down by William Morris: "Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."

Yours faithfully,
JANET BALCHIN,
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September 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 9: The Duke of Edinburgh, Companion Rat, Grand *Order of Water Rats, was represented* by Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis at the Thanksgiving Service for the Life of *Mr Charlie Chester which* was held in St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, London WC2, this afternoon.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 9: The Princess Royal, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air *Force* Lyneham, this morning opened the Help, Information, Volunteer Exchange (HIVE) at Royal Air Force Lyneham, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Her Royal Highness later arrived in Glasgow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

The Princess Royal, Member, visited the Merchants House of Glasgow, West George Street, Glasgow, and signed the Golden Book.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Victim Support Scotland, this afternoon launched the VS 2000 Campaign at James Moir Hall, Mitchell Theatre Complex, Granville Street, Glasgow.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, finally arrived at Benbecula Airport at the start of a three day visit to the west coast of the Hebrides, Western Isles, to see three new lights nearing completion (Hasker, Gasker and Monarch) and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Western Isles (the Viscount Dunrossil).

YORK HOUSE
September 9: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning left Royal Air Force Northolt for *Nizhny Novgorod*, Russia. Mr Nicolas Adamson is in attendance.

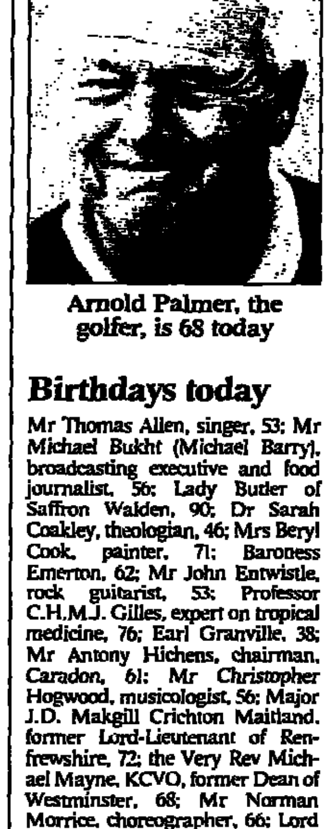
Memorial service

Mr Charlie Chester
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented *by Brigadier Miles* Hunt-Davis at a service of thanksgiving for Mr Charlie Chester, comedian, *held yesterday at St* Martin-in-the-Fields. Prince Michael of Kent was represented by Mr Frankie Vaughan, Deputy-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. The Rev Nicholas Holtam officiated, assisted by the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson and Canon Roger Royle.

Miss June Whitfield read the lesson, Mr Mike Redway sang *Primrose Hill*, Miss Joan Regan sang *Down Forget-Me-Not-Lane* and the London Welsh Male Choir sang *Moses*, all by Charlie Chester. *Addresses were given by* Mr Roy Hudd, Mr Peter Goodwright, Mr Don Smoothey, Mr David Welsby and Mr Peter Elliott.

Among others present were:
Mrs Joan Chester (widow), Mr and Mrs Peter Chester (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Colin Chester and Miss Toni Chester (grandchildren), Mrs Lisa Westcott, Mrs Margo Finn and Mrs Gwenda Arnold (step-daughters), the Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster, Sylvia, *Lady Wilkinson* (Order of St John), Mrs Frankie Vaughan, Mr Alf Pearson (Water Rats), Mrs Eileen Brinkley, Mr John Adrian, Mr Richard Johnson, Mr Al Sealey, Mr Steve Clark, Mr Bill Pertwee, Miss Carmen Silvera, Mr John Lloyd, Mr George Bass, Mr L Law, Mr Chris Tracy, Mr Mike Musson, Mr Wyn Calvin, Miss Avril Angers, *Mr Derek Rawlins, Mrs Mike Redway*, Miss Irene Davies, Mrs David Welsby, Mrs Dee Lupino, Mrs Roy Hudd, Mr and Mrs Paul Daniels.

Mr Albert Critoph and Mr Robin Barter (British Music Hall Society), Mr Ric Oakley and Mr Ken Gibson (Concert Artistes Association), Mr Patrick Newley *(The Stage and TV Today)*, Mr Bernard Harmer (SOS), Mr Ivan *Pratt (The Stroke Association)*, Mr Paul James (BBC), Mr Geoffrey Hewitt (BBC Birmingham), Mr Finlay Marshall (PA News), Air Vice-Marshal G C Lamb, Mr Roger Chalfont and Mr Peter Pond-Jones (St George's Day Club), Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection), representatives from the Royal British Legion, the Italy Star Association, the Monte *Cassino Veterans Association, the* Buffs Association, the Air Crew Association, the Normandy Veterans Association, the British Army Association, the Memorable Order of Tin Hats and many other family, former colleagues and friends.


Arnold Palmer, the golfer, is 68 today

Birthdays today

Mr Thomas Allen, singer, 53; Mr *Michael Bukht* (Michael Barry), broadcasting executive and food journalist, 56; Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, 90; Dr Sarah Coakley, theologian, 46; Mrs Beryl Cook, painter, 71; Baroness Emerton, 62; Mr John Entwistle, rock guitarist, 53; Professor C.H.M.J. Gilles, expert on tropical medicine, 76; Earl Granville, 38; Mr Antony Hichens, chairman, *Caradon, 61; Mr Christopher* Hogwood, musicologist, 56; Major J.D. Makgill Crichton Maitland, former Lord-Lieutenant of Renfrewshire, 72; the Very Rev Michael Mayne, KCVO, former Dean of Westminster, 68; Mr Norman Morrice, choreographer, 66; Lord Nolan, 69; Mr Neville Ovens, former Chief Constable of Lincolnshire, 59; General Sir Antony Read, former governor, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 84; Sir Peter Reynolds, former deputy chair*man*, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 68; Mr Denis Richards, air historian, 87; Dame Betty Ridley, former Third Church Estates Commissioner, 88; Mr Bill Rogers, golfer, 46; Dr Brian Smith, chairman, BAA, 69; Sir Robert Smith, former chairman, Standard Life Assurance, 70; Sir Rupert Speir, former MP, 87.

Lady Sternberg was created Dame of the Order of St Sylvester by Cardinal Cassidy in Rome on September 7.

School announcements

The Arts Educational School, London
Michaelmas Term begins this week. The school welcomes Mr Peter Kyle as Dean of The Arts Educational Schools, London, and Ms Bryony Brind as Director of *Dance*. Eva *Arnold is Head Girl*. Prize Giving is at 6.00pm, Wednesday, October 1, at St Michael and All Angels Church, Bedford Park. Open Evenings for parents of *prospective pupils are being held* on September 29 and October 16. The Junior Drama Evenings are November 25-28 and Senior Drama Evenings are December 3-5. The Carol Service is on Wednesday, December 10, and Term finishes on December 11.

Brentwood School
The Michaelmas Term at Brentwood School began yesterday with Toby *Manley* as *Head of School* and Sabrina Dissen as Deputy Head. Ms Patricia Kelleher and Mr *David* Taylor *have joined the* School as Deputy Heads, pastoral and curriculum respectively. The Open Meeting *for* Senior, Prep and Pre-Prep Schools is on Saturday, October 4. The Open Meeting for Sixth Form entrants takes place on the evening of Monday, October 6. The House Music Competition takes place on Friday, October 3. Half-Term is from *Friday, October 17, to Sunday*, November 2. The Remembrance Day Service at Brentwood Cathe*dral is on Tuesday*, November 11. The Robin Holmes Memorial Orchestral Concert takes place on *Thursday*, November *20*. *Winter* Theatricals *The Winters Tale: a New Musical* will be performed on December 10, 11, 12 and 13. The Carol Service will be held in Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday, December 14, at 8.00pm. Term ends on December 17.

The Cheltenham *Ladies'* College
Term begins today at The Cheltenham Ladies' College. The Senior Prefect is Edwina Rushworth. The College Service will take place at 10.00am on Sunday, October 5, when the preacher will be the Right Rev Paul Barber, Bishop of Brixworth. Staff and pupils will give a Schubert Bicentenary Concert on Friday, November 7, at 7.30pm. There will be a Combined Concert with Cheltenham College and St Edward's performing *Britten's St Nicholas and Hymn to the Virgin* on Friday, November 28, at 7.30pm. The Christmas *Concert will take place on Friday*, December 12, in the Princess Hall at 7.30pm. Baroness Warnock will speak to the Sixth Form on Medical Ethics on Friday, October 10, at 2.30pm. Sixth Form Scholarship and Entrance examinations will be held on November 12 and 13. Half term is from 5.00pm on Friday, October 24, until Sunday, November 2. Term ends on December 13, 1997.

Dunottar School, Reigate
The Autumn Term began on Thursday, September 4. Rosemary Budden continues as Head Girl and *her deputies are* Paula Lobo and Kate Robinson. Mrs Jeanne Durbin, Miss Sheree Palmer, Dr *Lucy Peat, Miss Catherine* Venton and Miss Tracey Whitley have joined the teaching staff this term. Prizegiving will be held in The Dorking Halls on Thursday, *September 18, when the guest of* honour will be Mrs Nicola Kohn. The new Waterlow Building has now been completed; a formal opening ceremony will be held later this term. With the opening of a Nursery class this term Dunottar now educates girls between the ages of 3 and 18. Details of admission, including academic and music scholarships, and of *Open Days are available* from the Headmistress's Secretary.

Harrogate Ladies' College
Harrogate Ladies' College opens for the Autumn Term today. The Headmistress, Dr Margaret J. Hustler, is pleased to have Mr David Andrews, BA Mus, take up the position of Deputy Head for this coming year. They welcome Mrs Lorna Parsons, MEd, CertEd, as Housemistress of Clarence, Lancaster and York, who comes from being Head of Sixth Form at the Atherley School, Southampton. School Officials for the year are: Head of School: Rebecca Hannah; Deputy Head of School: Amy Dobson; Head of Day Girls: Anna Cockroft; Deputy Head of Day Girls: Caroline Bousfield; Head of Choir: Katharine Faber. Events for *the term include the Equestrian* Team Challenge at the Great Yorkshire Show Ground on Sunday, *September 21, Harvest Festival* on Sunday, October 5, at 10.15am; the Choir will sing the BBC Daily Service on Monday, October 6, at *10.00am* and goes on tour to Prague and Bratislava on October 16-24. A "Taster Weekend" for 9-11 year olds will be held on October 11-12 and 13+ Entry Invitation Lunches take place on November 9 and 23. The Sixth Form take *part in a Challenge of Industry* Conference on November 4-5, a Sixth Form Information Day and *weekend has been arranged for* November 21-22 and an Upper School Careers Convention is being held on November *27*. Confirmation takes place on Sunday, November 30, in the school Chapel. There will be a Carol Service in St Wilfrid's Church at 2.15pm on Wednesday, December 10. Half term is October 17-26 and term ends on Thursday, December *11*.

Kelly College
Christmas Term at Kelly College began on September 4, with a record 100 new pupils joining the College, including the first eight holders of Stoddard awards. The roll now numbers 345, with a further 100 pupils at the Junior School. Mr R. Jeynes takes up his position as Head of the Junior School, and Mr N. Dunn joins the staff as Head of the Chemistry Department. Mr A. Roberts-Wray has taken up his position as Housemaster of Marwood House. Victoria Gordon is Head of School, with Amanda Bridgewater as Dep*uty Head of School. The Nursery* Class of the Junior School will be opened officially by Miss Sharron Davies, Old Kelleian, on October 3, the Open Day is on October 4 and the Contingent Biennial Review will take place on October 16. The Stoddard Lecture is on October 31, *the guest of honour on* Remembrance Sunday is Admiral Sir Hugo White, GCB, CBE, and *the Drama Group present the Ghost Train* on December 3, 4 and 5. The season of Concert Society concerts commences on September 24. Friends of the College who require details of these events or of the Millennium Appeal launched in February or the Friends of Kelly programme are asked to contact the Registrar at the College (01822 612050). Half term is from October 17 to 27, and the term ends with the Carol Service in Tavistock Parish Church on December 12.

Mill Hill School
Autumn term begins today. Girls are admitted to the Lower School for the first time as the School moves into full co-education. The Senior Monitors are Raphael Goldberg and Cordula Nagel. Mrs P.M. Mills becomes House*mistress of Cedars House, the new* girls boarding house which will be formally opened by Baroness *Warnock, of Weeke, on Foundation* Day, Saturday, September 27. Mr A.H. Armstrong, Miss L.J. Farrant, *Mr A. Luke* and *Mr A.H. Slade* also take up their houses. St Bees House becomes the newly constituted boarding house of Belmont, the Mill Hill Junior School. The Call to Remembrance will take place in front of the Gate of Honour at 11am on Armistice Day. *Romeo and Juliet* will be performed on December 11, 12 and 13. Term ends on December 17.

St Edward's School, Oxford
Term began yesterday and we welcomed our first intake of girls to the Lower School. Timothy Price (Field House) is Head of School *and* Olivia Sutcliffe (Macnamara's) and Paul Haworth (Apsley) are joint Deputy Heads of *School. The Revd Andrew Wright* becomes Housemaster of Segar's and is succeeded as Chaplain by the Revd Mrs Hilary Benson. Other new appointments include Miss Ann Hodgson as Housemistress of Macnamara's, Mr Richard Pleming as Head of English and Mrs Helen Wright as Head of German. This term's School play is *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* and it will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 4, 5 and 6. A Fireworks Concert will be held on Sunday, November 9. Carol *Services will be held on Sunday*, December 7. There will be an OSE Special Gaudy on Saturday, September *27*, for those who entered the School between *September 1976 and May 1981. The* new Endowment Fund for Scholarships stands at over £1 million. There will be an Open Morning for prospective Shells and Open Afternoon for prospective Lower Sixth on Saturday, September *27*. The Lower Sixth *Scholarship Entry Examination* will be held on Friday, November 7, and the Lower Sixth Entrance Assessment Day on Saturday, November 8. Term ends on Saturday, December 13.

Sedbergh School
Sedbergh opens a new academic year today. *Mr E.W. Hoult has* succeeded Sir Giles Shaw as Chairman of Governors. Sir Jock Slater (OS), First Sea Lord, has joined the Board of Governors. An Open Day will be held on Saturday, September 27. The School Chapel Centenary Service is on Thursday, October 9. The Wavell Wakefield Memorial Match (versus Uppingham) will be played on *Busk Holme on Saturday*, November 1. The School Play *Teechers* will be performed November 18-22. Entrance Scholarships *will be* undertaken in February 1998. The Choral Society will perform *African Sanctus* on Sunday, February 22. The Wilson Run is on Tuesday, March 17. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill (OS), will present prizes *on Speech Day*, Saturday, May 23. There will be a weekend gathering for Old Sedberghians who arrived *at Sedbergh* 1950-1960 which will take place July 11-12. The "Towards 500" Appeal, launched one year ago, now stands at £1m. Further details are available by Telephone: 015396-20535; Fax: 015396-21301; e-mail: Post@sedsch.demon.co.uk Website: www.sedbergh.sch.uk

Warwick School
Michaelmas Term starts today at Warwick School. The Head of School is Thomas McKay. Speech Day takes place on Friday, October 10, when the Guest of Honour will be Sir Ewen Fergusson, GCMG, GCVO, Chairman of *Coutts & Co and Chairman of the* Savoy Group. Old Warwickian Weekend will be December 13 and 14. The Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 17, and term ends with the Upper School Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 2.00pm on Friday, December 19.

Memorial gathering

Professor Jack Perry
A memorial gathering for Professor Jack Perry, pioneer of British-Chinese trade, was held yesterday at Church House, Westminster. The speakers included the Chinese Ambassador, Sir Edward Heath, KG, Mr Graham Taylor, Mr Jack Shapiro, Vice-President, Tinnitus *Society, Mr Peter Stocken*, Chairman, English Bridge Union, Mr Alan Carnell, 48 Group Club, and Mr Jim Sluszny. Among others present were:
Mr Stephen Perry, Mr Jonathon Perry, Mr *Graham Perry, Mrs Jillian Tallon and Mrs Vivien Stillman (children)*; Lady Sharp, Lady Youde, Sir Percy Cradock, Sir Richard Evans, Sir Michael Palliser, Mr Jim Heslehurst, *Miss Angela Rippon, Mr John Beyer* (China-Britain Trade Group), Ms Jane Hadley (Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding) and many other *friends and former colleagues.*

Service reception

46th Infantry Division (1939-1945)
The 46th Infantry Division (1939-1945) Officers Luncheon Club marked the anniversary of the Salerno Landing in 1943 at a luncheon held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club. Brigadier Aubrey Miller was in the chair.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir John Soane, architect, Goring-on-Thames, 1753; Cyril Connolly, critic, Coventry, 1903.

DEATHS: Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, feminist and writer, London, 1797; Balthazar Vorster, Prime Minister of South Africa *1966-78, President 1978-79*, Cape Town, 1983.

The English defeated the Scots, who suffered casualties of about 10,000 dead, at the Battle of Pinkie, Musselburgh, 1547.

Luncheon

The Pilgrims
The American Ambassador was the guest of honour at a farewell luncheon given by The Pilgrims yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Robert Worcester, chairman, presided, and Sir Peter Marshall also spoke.

Among others present were:
Mrs William J Crowe, Lord Hacking, Sir Michael Palliser, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom and the Hon Lady Bossom, the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Curtiss, Sir Frank Roberts and Sir Oliver Wright.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P. Granville
and Miss L. Lush
The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of the late Mr Court Granville and of *Lady* McNair-Wilson, of Winterbourne, Newbury, and Louisiana, daughter of Julian and Sarah Lush, of Clapham, *London*.

Mr C. Crookenden
and Miss M. Ott
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Lieutenant General *Sir* Napier and the Hon Lady Crookenden, of Twin Firs, Four Elms, Kent, and Michelle, daughter of *Mrs Diane* Ott and of Mr Joseph Ott, both of *Pittsburgh*, Pennsylvania, USA.

Dr J.C.L. Booth
and Dr L.A. Fearfield
The engagement *is announced* between Jonathan, son of Sir Christopher Booth and of Dr Lavinia Loughridge, both of London, and Louise, daughter of Mr Michael Fearfield, of Ripley, North Yorkshire, and of Mrs Angela Fearfield, of Lorton, *Cumbria*.

Mr E.J. Banks
and Miss J.R. Sutherland
The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Banks, of Kington, *Herefordshire, and Julia*, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sutherland, of Lowick, Northumberland.

Mr M.P. Budden
and Ms K.D. Lyon
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of the late Mr Peter W. Budden and of Mrs Joan Budden, of St Helens, and Krystina, only daughter of the *late Mr Raymond* B. Lyon and of Mrs Danuta Lyon, of Roehampton.

Mr C.W. Bush
and Dr *C.L. Woodward*
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs J Graham Bush, of Nairobi, Kenya and Winchester, Hampshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs John C. Woodward, of Whiteleaf, Buckinghamshire.

Mr W.J. Clemence
and Miss S.F. Venning
The engagement is announced between William John, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs John Clemence, of Hildenborough, Kent, and Sara Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Venning, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.N. Derrick
and Mrs A. Midwood
The engagement is announced between Anthony Noel Derrick, widower of Mary Derrick, and Ann Midwood, widow of Colin Norris Midwood. The marriage will take place shortly in Chichester.

Dr J.D. Fordham
and Miss M. Capel
The engagement is announced *between Julian, younger son of Mr* and Mrs John Fordham, of Soham, Cambridgeshire, and Me*lissa, younger daughter of Mr and* Mrs Alan Capel, of Great Comberton, Worcestershire.

Captain E.J. Kennedy
and Miss F. *John*
The engagement is announced between Captain Edward Kennedy, The Light Dragoons, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Kennedy, *of Ascot*, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher John, of Milland, Hampshire.

Mr N.M. Martin
and Miss S.I. Scott
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Martin, of Hamilton, New Zealand, and Sarnia, *elder daughter* of Dr and Mrs John Scott, of Sunnybank, Little Budworth, Cheshire.

Mr B.G. Pickeral
and Miss T.R.C. Hughes
The engagement is announced between Bryan, son of Mr Glen Ainsworth Pickeral, of Portland, *Oregon, and Mrs* Colleen Morgan, of Bismarck, North Dakota, USA, and Tamsin, only daughter of Mr and *Mrs John Hughes*, of Askett, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.J. Sayer
and Miss S.L. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Mark Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Isaac, of Hurst Green, East Sussex, and Sarah *Loveday, second daughter of the* Rev and Mrs John Marshall, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Mr H.R. Sharp, FRCS,
and Dr R.J. Hepher
The engagement is announced between Henry, son of the late Mr Henry Sharp, FRCS, and of Mrs *Peter* Blood, and stepson of Mr Peter Blood, of Stone, Staffordshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr *and Mrs Arthur Hepher*, of North Chailey, East Sussex.

Mr S.J. Sloan
and Miss S.B.V. Pope
The engagement is announced between Stuart, only son of *the late* Mr Alexander Sloan and of Mrs Sloan, of Malvern, Worcester*shire, and Sarah*, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pope, of Chicksgrove, Wiltshire.

Mr A.J. Smith
and Miss F.E. Nelson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Mr Clifford Smith and of Mrs Ella Smith, of Fetcham, Surrey, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr Peter Nelson and the late *Mrs Patricia Nelson, and step*daughter of Mrs Mary Nelson, of Mosstowie, Moray.

Marriage

Mr R.J. Pownall
and Miss K.A. Pearson
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 6, 1997, at All Saints' Church, Spofforth, North Yorkshire, of Mr Richard Pownall, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs John Pownall, to Miss Karen Pearson, elder daughter of Mrs David Pearson and the late Mr *David Pearson*.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Reception

Royal Over-Seas League
Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, was the guest of honour and prize giver at a reception given yesterday by the Royal Over-Seas League at Over-seas House to mark the opening of the league's annual open exhibition for young Commonwealth artists. Guests were welcomed by Mr Donald Hamilton Fraser, vice-president, and Mr Robert Newell, director-general.

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I sought the Lord's help; he answered me and set me free from all my fears. Psalm 34 : 4

BIRTHS

ALTURKI - On September 7th at *The Portland Hospital*, to Samah Algosaibi and Sultan Alturki, a sweet lovely son, Khalid.

BEHARRELL - On 7th September 1997, to Mary (née Mortimer) and Steven, a daughter, *Natasha Mortimer* Beharrell, a sister for Victoria and Rebecca.

CANDLISH - On September 1st in Northampton, to Sally, a son, Jude Lewis. First *grandchild for Peter* and Lynda.

DUNKLEY - On September 6th *1997 at The Portland* Hospital. Barbara (née Valentine) and Daniel are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Jocelyn Valentine Frost.

GRAHAM - To Melissa and Timothy on 30th August at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital, a beautiful daughter, Emily Alexandra.

GREGSON-WILLIAMS - On Thursday September 4th, to Emma (née Jacobs) and Rupert, a beautiful daughter, Saskia, a sister for Sadie and Tom (MacLeod).

HENDERSON - On August 28th 1997 in Bristol, to Alex (née Coles) and Stuart, a son, *Charles Patrick John* (Charlie).

LAWRENCE - On *August 23rd*, to *Luchie (née Harper)* and David, a son, Alexander Peter, a brother for Ben and Ned.

LLOYD WILLIAMS - On 3rd September 1997, to Poonam (née Melwani) and Mark, a son, Nicholas Prem.

MACKIE - On August 25th at Hereford County Hospital, to Dorenda (née Bedford) and Neil, a precious son, Cameron James. A special *thankyou to all midwifery* and medical staff involved, and also to Dr. Clayton, the family G.P.

MANN - On 7th September 1997 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Sophie (née Pattman) and Jim, a son, Oliver John Dominic, a brother for Harry.

MAXWELL - On August 29th 1997 in Rio de Janeiro, to Victoria (née Geaves) and Alastair, a son, Ben Patrick D'Arcy.

ORTEGA - *On September 4th at* The Portland Hospital, to Mianne (Laya) and Carlos, a son, Diego.

WALTERS - On September 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Katerina and Andrew, *a son*, Christopher Thomas, a brother for Charlotte and Emily.

DEATHS

AMSDEN - Peacefully on September 7th, 1997, Richard Sydney, MA, Ch. Eng, FICE, Father of Sue, Meg and Tim. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Hawridge, Chesham, Bucks at 2 pm on Tuesday *16th September*. Donations in lieu of flowers please to Cancer Research, Chiltern Open Air Museum or Water Aid.

ANDERS ROBERTSON - Iain. Much loved husband of Jennifer. Died on 5th September. Cremation at Chichester on Friday 12th September at 1 pm. Donations to Equity Benevolent Fund.

BAXTER - Ellen Mary on *September 5th 1997* at Lapworth aged 90. Last surviving child of Alfred and Maud Baxter of Knowle, Warwickshire. Service at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull, on Monday September 15th at 12 noon. Enquiries to J. Deeley & Son, (01676) 534237.

BILES - Sybil (former Financial Director Dunbee-Combex Marx) died peacefully on 8th September 1997 in Peterborough, aged 76 years, a beloved mother, aunt, grandmother and friend. She was the light of many peoples lives, especially mine, son *Geoff*. Funeral Service at Peterborough Crematorium 2.30 pm Monday 15th September 1997. Flowers to the Co-*operative Funeral Services*, Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough PE1 2RX or donations to the Macmillan Nurses c/o Ron Hadnam, 1 Stanford Walk, Peterborough PE3 9UU.

BIRD - Kenneth Edgar, aged 79, of Elfering Bank, Little *Hadham, Herts. Beloved* husband of Gladys, father of Michael, Terence and Jeremy and grandfather of Lynsey and Emily. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, Essex at 12.30 pm on Friday, 12th September. Family flowers only, please, but if desired, donations by cheque can be made to *Wood Green Animal* Shelter and sent c/o Daniel Robinson and Sons Ltd., Funeral Directors, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

BRAMWELL - On September 8th 1997, Brian Courtenay *Francis aged 73. Darling* husband of Unity and beloved father of Lynette and the late Julia, adored grandpa of Dominic, Giles, Pip and Mandy. Funeral Service at Altrincham *Crematorium on* Thursday 11th September at 12 noon. Family and close friends only. No flowers.

BUCHANAN - Colonel Thomas Alfred (Buck) Buchanan D.S.O. O.B.E. M.C. E.R.D. T.D. D.L. B.Sc. died peacefully on September 5th at St Leonards-on-Sea. Husband of the late Kay Buchanan, *dearest brother of Pat*, beloved friend of Sybil and loved by all the family. Funeral Service, Christ *Church, St Leonards*, on Thursday September 18th at 12.15 pm followed by private cremation. Flowers from family and close friends only please. Donations for Army Benevolent Fund may be sent to A.C. Towner Ltd., 2-4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 6NH.

BURGESS - At The Sussex *Private Clinic* on Saturday 6th September 1997, Nigel George Kingsford, beloved husband of the late Sylvia Constance, father of Anthony and Simon, and grandfather. Private funeral *service* at Mortlake *Crematorium* on Tuesday 16th September at 11 am. All enquiries please to J.H. Kenyon (0171) 937-0757.

CHITTY - Raphael, beloved daughter of Jane and David, on September 5th 1997 aged 19 years. The funeral will take place at *St Mary* the Virgin Church, Friston, East Sussex, on Friday September 12th at 2 pm. Flowers or *donations in her memory* to Neuro Fibromatosis Research.

CONSTANTINE - Joe. On September 4th 1997. Beloved husband of Mary-Rose, father of Annette and Susannah. Funeral private.

CROSS - Alexander Alfred on 8th September aged 94, dearly loved husband of Edna, *much loved father of* Diana, Kate and David, a loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral private. Thanksgiving Service at 3 pm Friday 12th September at Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury, Wilts. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Franklin and Sons, Ramsbury, Wilts. SN8 2PG.

DELIUS - *Ingrid*, on September 8th in the Salisbury Hospice after a brave struggle against cancer. She will be very sadly missed by David, Catherine and Robert as well as by her wider family and many *friends. Funeral* Service at St. Mary's Church, Codford at 4pm on Tuesday 16th September. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for the Salisbury Hospice c/o Messrs. A.G. *Doughty, Funeral Directors*, 56 Upton Lovell, Warminster, Wiltshire - Tel: 01985 850344.

GARNER - Walter peacefully on September 6th at Gorseway House, Hayling Island in his 96th year. Much beloved husband of the late Irene, father, grandfather and great-*grandfather, who will be* greatly missed by all who knew him. Cremation service at 3 pm on Friday September 12th at Amersham Crematorium. Donations, if desired, to the British Wireless for the Blind.

GARTON - Mary Crawfurd on Sunday 7th September aged *82 at home. A much loved* sister and loving mother of Robin and Margaret, mother-in-law of Julie and Peter and granny of Helen and Robert. Private cremation on Friday 12th September. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford. Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on Sunday 28th September *at 4 pm*.

GRAYSON - Kenneth Murray suddenly and peacefully at home in Malvern on September 6th aged 71 years. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving in Malvern College Chapel on Saturday September 13th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Kidney Disease and S.L.E. Research Fund c/o F.W. Spilsbury, Funeral Director, Malvern, tel: (01684) 892777.

HACKETT - General Sir John Winthrop Hackett, GCB CBE DSO MC MA BLitt, on 9th *September 1997*. Funeral Service at 2 pm in St Giles' Church, Coberley, on 16th September 1997. Family *flowers only*, donations to Marie Curie, may be sent c/o Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. Memorial Service to be announced later. All enquiries tel: (01242) 525383.

HOLLAND - Dorothy suddenly on 7th September at Eastbourne *District General* Hospital, sadly missed by her husband and two sons. Service to be held at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday 15th September at 2.15 pm. Enquiries c/o *Seaford* and *Newhaven* Funeral Service tel: (01323) 893889.

LACEY - Elizabeth Frances (Fran). Beloved wife of Dave Cowling, mother of Kelly, *daughter of Peggy* and Michael and sister of Helen and Ann. Died very peacefully at Standish Hospital on Saturday 6th September aged 44 years. Funeral and interment on *Friday 12th*, 3 pm at Randwick Church, Stroud. Flowers welcome, c/o Philip Ford & Sons 01453-763592.

LEONARD - Cecily Veronica Mary (née Byrne) of Berkshire and late of Co. Dublin, on 7th September 1997 at the Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, wife of the late Ralph Leonard, *peacefully after a short* illness. Loving mother of Nicholas, Anne Church, Michael and Andrew. Sadly missed by her eleven grandchildren, close and extended family and many friends. Funeral Mass at SS Alphonsus and Columba Church, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin, on Saturday 13th *September* at 10 am followed by burial at Dean's Grange Cemetery. Flowers to Quinns Funeral Home, 28 *Glasthule Road*, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

MORGAN - On Sunday 7th September Eileen at home, beloved wife of Bunny and *the late H. Gansel Brewer*, mother of David, Elizabeth, Jonathan and Victoria. Service at Enfield Crematorium 9.30 am on *Thursday 11th September*. Family only. No flowers. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

MORLEY - *Nigel John* on September 8th. Beloved of Julie Smart, Jo his mother, James his son, Robin his brother and of his many cousins and friends. Cremation private. A Memorial Service will be held at St Barnabas Church, Calton Avenue, London SE21, on Tuesday 16th September at 5 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59 Lawrie Park Road, London SE26 6DZ.

OLSWORTH - On 7th September 1997 in Farnham, Matthew B., much loved *father of Elizabeth and* grandfather of Douglas and Alice. Funeral details from Thorne-Leggett, tel: (01420) 488896.

PHILIPSON - June, dearly loved *wife of Gary and Mother of* Diana, peacefully in hospital on 6th September 1997. Funeral Service at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Heron's Ghyll, nr. Uckfield on Monday, 15th September at 11 am. Family flowers only please, but donations if you wish to The Arthritis & Rheumatism *Council, c/o Paul Bysouth* Funeral Services, Crowborough. Tel: (01892) 655000.

PILPEL - Nelton on 7th September, much loved and very loving husband of Chota (Anne), *father of* James, Nicola, *Simon* and Rufus and grandfather. No flowers but donations if wished to Cancer Research.

POPHAM - On Monday 8th September 1997 peacefully aged 84 years, Elizabeth Mary, beloved mother of Victoria and stepmother of Michael. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Gt. *Bardfield, Essex on Tuesday* 16th September at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired payable to 'Barnardo's' c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., Haslers Lane, Gt. Dunmow, Essex CM6 1XS.

SCOTT-GATTY - On 8th September at home in Netherbury, Patricia Jane Chaytor - "Patsy". Beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Private funeral has taken place. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's, Netherbury, Dorset on Friday 19th September at 2 o'clock. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave *Square*, London SW1X 8QG.

SEACOME - On September 7th in Cheltenham, Ronald (Arthur Ronald Aitken). Very dearly loved and loving husband of Diana (née Pulverman). Much loved by his four children, their families and his grandchildren. Funeral at SS Philip and James, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, on Wednesday 17th September at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu for the Princes' Trust *or R.S.P.B., may be sent c/o* Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. Tel: (01242) 526383.

SHERIDAN - On September 5th, peacefully at home, *Patrick Richard* aged 59. Beloved husband of Penny, and loved by all who knew him. Service and interment *at St James' Church*, Egerton, Kent, on September 15th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, payable to The Pilgrim's Hospice may be sent c/o A.W. Court Funeral Directors, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AP. Tel: (01622) 850840.

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WALKER - Louis Charles Vivian at home on September 3rd 1997. Beloved husband of Bea, father of Simon, Stephen, Catherine and Sunissa. Grandfather of Jeremy, Gini, Ruben, Daniel, Judith and Louis. Funeral Service at St *Michaels'*, Highgate, at 3 pm on Thursday September 11th, followed by interment at Highgate Cemetery.

TURNER - On September 8th, peacefully in hospital, David Allen George (Dag) aged 68 years. Beloved husband of Isabel, much loved father of Katharine, Nicholas, Rachel and Alastair. Formerly *Principal of Varndean 6th* Form College, Brighton, 1970-1988. Funeral Service on Monday September 15th, 11 am, at Brighton Parish Church of St Peter's, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research or Sussex Oncology *Fund can be sent c/o* W.A. Stringer & Son, 12 Kensington Gardens, Brighton, BN1 4AL. Tel: (01273) 603806.

WARD - Marion Elizabeth Jessie Marconi, died at home *on September 7th aged 86*. Mother of G.J., mother-in-law of Angela, grandmother of Edwina, Geoffrey, Hugh and *William. Great-grandmother* of Geoffrey, Harry, George, Annabel, Isabella and Alexander. Deeply missed. Her funeral will be at St Mary's, Chilton Foliat at 3pm on Friday, September 12th.

WHITTUCK - Gerald Saumarez Whittuck CB, died suddenly but peacefully at home aged 84 on *Sunday* 7th September. Beloved husband of the late Catherine, greatly loved father of William and Andrew, grandfather of Sarah, Dora and Charlie. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11 at 12 noon on Monday 15th September. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Abbeyfield (North London) Society c/o Levertons, 163 York Way, N7.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CRICHTON-MILLER - A Memorial Service for the life of Donald, *ex Headmaster of* Taunton, Fettes and *Stowe*, will be held on Wednesday 29th October at St *Columba's Church*, Pont Street, London at 11.30 am.

GRAY - A Memorial Requiem for Nicolete Gray will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Friday, 10th October at 3 pm.

McEWEN-KING - Ryan McEwen-King (1975-1997). St Anne's School announce a *Memorial Service* is being held for Ryan on Sunday 14th September 1997, 2.30pm, at St Mary's Church, Windermere. Those attending are invited to School afterwards. All who knew *Ryan* will be very welcome. Details - 015394 46164.

PASTON BROWN - Dame Beryl. A Memorial Meeting for Dame Beryl Paston Brown will be held at Homerton College, Cambridge on Saturday, 20th September 1997 at 3.30 pm. Enquiries to (01223) 507132.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

THOMAS - A Memorial Concert in tribute to Mary Thomas's life and work will be held at 2.30 pm on Sunday September 28th at the Royal Academy of Music in the *Duke's Hall. All friends* welcome.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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MARRIAGES

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: On 1 September 1997 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of PO Box 56, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman, PO Box 56, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 1 November 1997.

The Liquidator also gives notice under the *provision of Rule* 4.182A(6) that on 1 December 1997 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 1 November 1997 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.

The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Date 5.9.97
M. FISHMAN, Liquidator

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OBITUARIES

GENERAL SIR JOHN HACKETT

General Sir John Hackett, GCB, CBE, DSO and Bar, MC, Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine, 1966-68, and Principal of King's College, London, 1968-75, died yesterday aged 86. He was born on November 5, 1910.

Generally — if sometimes grudgingly — acknowledged as the cleverest soldier of his generation, John Hackett combined intellectual attainments of a very high order with a fine record of leadership and gallantry in action stretching back to campaigns conducted before the Second World War. He had fought in Palestine, Syria, the Western Desert, Italy and the North-West Europe campaign, being wounded at Arnhem, where he was captured and then escaped.

In his postwar career he rose to become one of the most charismatic and respected senior Nato commanders, held in esteem by the top generals of the West German, French and American armies. Small in stature though he was, he towered over most of his contemporaries in terms of his grasp of contemporary geopolitics. A man of pronounced opinions, he was never afraid to air them. This did not recommend him to Whitehall and the top job in the Armed Forces was denied to him.

He retired from the Army into academic life, which he proceeded throroughly to enjoy. In retirement for the second time, from the principalship of King's College, London, he continued to be one of the most influential geopolitical thinkers in the Western world. His book *The Third World War* (1978), written in collaboration with others, was an astute — and hugely enjoyable — speculation on the probable causes and courses of a third 20th-century global military cataclysm, and became a runaway best-seller. Hackett liked being a talking head on military matters and would explain his thinking to the public in publications ranging from the soberest of broadsheets to the most strident tabloids. During the Gulf crisis of 1990-91 he was, additionally, much in demand as a television analyst of military events.

Opinionated though Hackett was, in purely intellectual terms, he was nevertheless far from being intolerant in a blimpish sense, even to those whose standpoint he could not conceivably be asked to share. There was far too much of the scholar in him for that. He had a keen sense of history, and, at that, not merely the military history of the modern era. Thus, he could gently recommend to the leaders of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament that they read Thucydides before jumping to simplistic conclusions about the avoidance of a state of war between nations in economic and political competition with each other — while at the same time acknowledging them as being civilised and well-meaning individuals.

John Winthrop Hackett was the son of Sir John Hackett, an eminent Australian judge. Educated at Geelong Grammar School and New College, Oxford, which was later to make him an honorary fellow, he joined the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars in 1931, his great-grandfather having served in the same regiment.

Very early in his career he displayed a formidable energy and versatility. Already an interpreter in French and German, he added Italian while serving on attachment with the Italian cavalry. After being seconded to the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (TJFF) in 1937 he added Arabic. At the same time, while on active service at the height of the Arab rebellion there, he found time to write a thesis on the campaigns of Saladin during the the Third Crusade for his BLitt. The research and writing of this took him up and down the valley of the Orontes on a mule and he spent a good deal of time living among the Arabs of the region.

When the Second World War came, in 1941 he took part in the Syrian campaign with the TJFF, during which he was wounded and awarded the MC. It was while recovering from his wounds during this period that he met his Austrian wife Margaret on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. She was classed as an enemy alien at the time, but he married her in St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem.

Rejoining his regiment in the Western Desert, he was again wounded and awarded the DSO. While "recuperating" on the staff at GHQ in Cairo, Hackett employed his time reorganising the activities of the light raiding forces. As such he played a prominent part in the organisation of the Long Range Desert Group and the SAS, as well as in raising and in naming "*Popski's Private Army*".

But he was not a man to enjoy life behind a desk and he was selected at the age of only 33 to raise and command the 4th Parachute Brigade which he led in Italy and at Arnhem. He was seriously wounded at Arnhem and taken prisoner, but subsequently escaped. He was harboured for a while by a courageous Dutch family, to whom he was later to pay tribute in a moving account of his adventures, *I Was a Stranger* (1977), and helped to liberty via the Dutch Resistance. He was awarded a Bar to his DSO for his services at Arnhem.

Returning to Palestine in 1947 to command the TJFF, Hackett had the delicate task of disbanding the Force prior to the British withdrawal. This he accomplished with great skill and then spent his leave in Austria attending a semester in postgraduate medieval studies at Graz University.

After attending the Imperial Defence College in 1951 he commanded 20 Armoured Brigade in the British Army of the Rhine before promotion to major-general in 1956 to command the 7th Armoured Division. A fluent German speaker, with a wide circle of German friends, Hackett was active in promoting Anglo-German friendship and the study of German by those serving in BAOR. He left Germany in 1958 to be Commandant of the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham.

Hackett was promoted lieutenant-general in 1961 and appointed GOC-in-C in Northern Ireland. In that year he delivered the Lees Knowles lectures at Cambridge, justifiably acclaimed for their erudition, clarity and wit. They particularly impressed American military men who heard them and increased his reputation as a strategist.

In 1963 Hackett was moved to the Ministry of Defence as Deputy Chief of the General Staff, responsible for organisation and weapon development. A master of his brief, he could be formidable in committee, sparing neither high nor low if he felt the occasion warranted it. He suffered wide unpopularity as the leading figure in the reorganisation of the Territorial Army but he was undeterred by popular clamour if he considered his course to be right. Nevertheless, many who disagreed with him then, disagree with him still.

Hackett was, therefore, a highly controversial figure when he left Whitehall in 1966, on promotion to general, to command the Rhine Army. It can be said, however, that he was a very successful Commander-in-Chief, particularly in the parallel appointment of Commander Northern Army Group.

His ability to speak several languages, notably German, made him a truly international figure, as did his close friendship with such outstanding foreign soldiers as Graf Kielmansegg of the Bundeswehr. When, in 1968, Hackett wrote a highly controversial letter to *The Times*, critical of the British Government's apparent lack of concern over the strength of Nato forces in Europe, it was characteristic of him that he signed it wearing his Nato rather than his British hat; the furore it caused in Whitehall appealed to his puckish sense of humour.

By then, of course, he had realised the appointment of Chief of Defence Staff would be denied him. He was too clever for the politicians, and perhaps also for the Army, which was always wary of his brilliance. He could also be abrasive on occasions and was not well endowed with the diplomatic qualities of the average Whitehall warrior.

He retired from the Army in 1968 and became Principal of King's College, London. Hackett, who had described the profession of arms as "an essential social institution offering an orderly way of life, set a little apart, not without elegance", took instinctively to academic life. No man could have made the transition from khaki to gown more elegantly, or with greater enjoyment.

He was good with youth: even at his most formidable as a general, subalterns had always found him approachable. He was equally good with undergraduates, although less tolerant of their teachers. It was typical of him that he should have joined the student march through London in 1973, bowler-hatted and carrying an umbrella, in protest against the erosion of student grants. Although this led to some criticism among senior academics, Hackett always believed in standing up to be counted if the cause was a good one. He never lacked courage, nor for that matter a keen awareness of the importance of public relations.

After his retirement from King's College, Hackett devoted himself to writing and lecturing; he was also much in demand as an after-dinner speaker. In 1981 he followed *The Third World War* with *The Third World War: The Untold Story*, a reassessment of the global scenario of the first volume.

A brilliant conversationalist, although not invariably a good listener, he had an international circle of friends, and he became known to an even wider audience as a result of his regular appearances on television and radio. Probably no man did as much as he has done to dispel the widely-held British belief that most generals are fools, and ignorant fools at that.

Among his many honours, perhaps the ones that pleased him most were his presidency of the Classical Association in 1971 and his colonelcy of the Royal Irish Hussars, 1969-75.

The only daughter of his marriage predeceased him. He is survived by his wife Margaret, and by two adopted step-daughters.

JENNY JEGER

Jenny Jeger, political lobbyist, died from cancer on August 29 aged 45. She was born on January 19, 1952.

JENNY JEGER helped to pioneer a new form of political lobbying as a founder of the lobbyists' firm GJW. A loyal Labour Party supporter all her life, she had been an aide to James Callaghan; GJW's other two founders were Wilf Weeks, an aide to Ted Heath, and Andrew Gifford, an aide to David Steel.

While other lobbyists were mostly outsiders trying to break in, the GJW partners were insiders whose value to those seeking parliamentary information was obvious. They were young, they were enthusiastic, and they were successful. Seven years after the organisation's formation they sold out to a company headed by Frank Lowe and Sir Tim Bell in a multimillion-pound deal.

Jeger was born into the Labour movement. Her father and uncle were MPs, and her aunt by marriage, a former MP, is now in the Upper House as Baroness Jeger.

Jenny Jeger's own introduction to politics came during the 1950s when she was pushed in a pram round her father's constituency at Goole. He had sat previously for Winchester, which he won in 1945 by more than 3,000, overturning a Conservative majority of more than 12,000 — almost as sensational as the defeat of Michael Portillo at Enfield, Southgate in 1997.

Realising, however, that Winchester was always likely to return to its Tory loyalties, Jeger wisely left for the Labour haven of Goole in 1950.

He had been Mayor of Shoreditch and his wife had been an active Fabian. His brother, Dr Santo Jeger, was MP for Holborn and St Pancras South until he died in 1953, when his widow, Lena Jeger, won the subsequent by-election. Jenny Jeger's death means that Lady Jeger becomes the last of this famous Labour dynasty.

Jennifer Anne Jeger was educated at the Lycée Française and Putney High School. Loyal to her father's old constituency, she read politics at Hull. She was at home in the worlds of both politics and business. Her father, who left school at 12, became a rich man, and she inherited his business instincts. After working in No 10 during James Callaghan's three years there, she proselytised for Labour in the City. She was a founder member of the £1,000 Club, established to raise money for her party, and she helped to found its Industry Forum.

When John Smith was Shadow Chancellor, she worked prominently in his campaign to persuade financial leaders that a new Labour government would not be intrinsically hostile to business interests.

She led a very active social life. She loved opera, theatre and the cinema. Her friends were many — enough to justify hiring Brighton Pavilion for her 40th birthday party.

After she ceased to be an active member of GJW — she remained a consultant — she was a ceaseless campaigner for various charities, among them the Carers' National Association, the Alzheimer's Disease Society and the Contact a Family Organisation.

She never married, but is survived by her partner for many years, David Bean.

This notice appeared in some editions on Saturday.

DEREK TAYLOR

Derek Taylor, the Beatles' publicist, died of cancer in Suffolk on September 7 aged 65. He was born in Liverpool on May 7, 1932.

DEREK TAYLOR was the man who publicised the Beatles, from their heyday right through to the recent *Anthology* trio of albums, which sold some 40 million copies, more than any other British record in the world last year. He was part of a small inner circle of aides who went back to the Beatles' early days and which also included the group's manager Brian Epstein, their roadie Mal Evans and the head of Apple, Neil Aspinall.

A journalist for 15 years, Taylor became the band's press officer after being sent to harass them by the news editor of *The Daily Express*, who felt that the group had betrayed its young audience by agreeing to perform at the 1963 Royal Variety Performance. Charmed by their charisma, he accepted Epstein's offer to help to publicise them on a freelance basis, ghosting a weekly column in *The Daily Express* for George Harrison. Epstein later asked Taylor to ghost-write his autobiography, *A Cellarful of Noise*.

During a four-day trip to Torquay together, Epstein asked him to join the Beatles full-time, which he did — first as Epstein's personal assistant and later as the band's press officer. The perils of looking after the Beatles during the chaos of Beatlemania were manifold. When the crowd rushed the stage during one live (but mimed) television broadcast in Holland in June 1964, Taylor and his colleagues had to jump onstage and order the band to run, leaving just three guitars and pre-recorded music blaring out.

Later that year Taylor had to appeal via the public address system to another rowdy crowd in Cleveland, Ohio, when the band had to be hauled offstage for their own safety. Taylor was also immortalised in one of the Beatles' psychedelic tracks, *Blue Jay Way*, in which George Harrison recounts a night spent waiting in for Taylor, who was lost in a Los Angeles fog.

After travelling the world with the band he resigned and moved to California, where he publicised the Byrds, the Beach Boys, the Grateful Dead and Harry Nilsson. In 1967 he also co-founded the Monterey International Pop Music Festival, famous for introducing the world at large to the guitarist Jimi Hendrix.

He returned to the Beatles in 1968, when he became press officer for their ill-fated record label, Apple, part of the Apple Corporation which was formed after Epstein's early death in 1967 to manage the Beatles' business affairs. He became a media legend for his open-house sessions at the headquarters of Apple in Savile Row, trying to manage the financial and artistic chaos there which came to epitomise the excesses of the late swinging Sixties.

After the break-up of the Beatles in 1970, Taylor became director of special projects at WEA Records, then managing director and later vice-president of Warner Bros Records.

In 1978 he left Warner Bros to return to his first love, writing. He helped both George Harrison and Michelle Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas with their respective autobiographies, *I, Me, Mine* and *California Dreamin'*. He published three books of his own, *As Time Goes By*, *It Was Twenty Years Ago* and his autobiography, *Fifty Years Adrift*, of which just a few hundred copies were printed because he thought no one would be interested in his life.

Derek Taylor is survived by his wife, Joan, and their three daughters and three sons.

ON THIS DAY

September 10, 1912

Bad harvest prospects prompted The Times *to undertake a special report, of which this was part of the third article, on the state of the crops in England.*

STATE OF BRITISH CROPS

The distress is widespread, and involves all counties in England and Scotland; the only relief being the lateness of northern districts, which at the date at which these reports were collected still allowed of hopes of improvement in the weather. Our reports are dated September 1 and refer to the period between August 28 and September 4, an extremely disastrous week, and since then conditions have somewhat improved. Sprouted corn cannot, however, cease to be sprouted, neither can stained barley recover its colour, so that the damage done is irreparable. Prospects have gone back sadly since August 1. Not only so, but, looking at our general averages back to 1897 (which is as far as our figures go), we find the present condition of wheat, barley, and potatoes worse than on any previous occasion at the same date.

Bedfordshire. — Reports from this county state that quite half the corn crops are grown out; that shocks of wheat "are grown together as one sheaf" (Flitwick); that "all the corn is growing standing"; that there will be no "malting barley"; that 20 per cent of the wheat is sprouted and the rest is in very bad condition (Biggleswade); that hundreds of acres of grassland are under water (Bedford); that peas, which were a good crop, are spoiled, and that potato disease is very bad in all parts of the country.

In Cambridgeshire, near Ely, only a fraction of the corn was carted on the 1st, and no one can estimate the damage; at Wisbech "the position is now absolutely hopeless"; winter oats are mostly stacked, and about half the wheat (Childerley Gate); about three-quarters of the wheat was harvested before rain came, but the crop is damaged to the extent of 15 per cent (Royston). Monday, August 26, will never be forgotten, as land not subject to floods is now flooded 2ft deep, and the usual occupation of the men is getting the sheaves out of the water. Wheat and oats are all matted together, and none of it now will be fit for seed. Barley is not quite so bad, but bad enough. Potatoes have been under water for days, and many of them will hardly be worth taking up. There are some fair crops on the drier lands, but, taken altogether, the outlook is hopeless."

From Norfolk (King's Lynn) we are informed that the barley, oats, peas, and potatoes are all spoiled, and that the district "is devastated", 7.34in of rain having fallen in one day. The barley is said to be ruined. At Thetford harvest work was in a state of chaos, and what corn is carted must be in very bad condition.

Across the Wash, in South Lincolnshire, at Spalding, wheat is badly "chitted" in stook; acres of potatoes "will not require picking"; peas are lost, but spring beans are said to be very good. From the neighbourhoods of Lincoln, Boston, Long-Sutton, Louth, Grantham, and Wainfleet the same wretched reports have arrived.

In Essex wheat is reported as all stacked. Our Southminster correspondent adds: "This part of Essex was practically rainless from the end of March to August 17."

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The press watchdog needs new rules of conduct

The time has come to draw a line on privacy

RAYMOND SNODDY

Once, a long time ago, when David Mellor was a politician in power, he famously remarked that the press was "drinking at the Last Chance Saloon". Until now it has appeared that drinking time for the press was going to be extended indefinitely and that last orders had been called only for Mr Mellor.

It is so no longer. Saturday's funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, could easily have been the natural, melancholy end of a week of national mourning with few lasting consequences for the press, so long as editors showed a degree of sensitivity during the next few months and left Prince William and Prince Harry alone.

Instead, the sheer emotional impact of the occasion and its transmission to more than half the country has clearly made it a defining moment for the future of the press. No matter that Earl Spencer's sharpest attacks were reserved for the monarchy and how it has behaved, the indictment of the press was just as keenly felt and virulently expressed.

The arguments of a week ago over what exact proportion of blame should be shared between paparazzi and a driver who drove too fast and may have drunk too much seem already historic, and it is of little importance whether Earl Spencer's comments were either balanced or wholly fair.

Events have dictated that action is now required. But what form should it take? The promises of individual editors that they will no longer print intrusive paparazzi pictures is a step in the right direction; but does not go far enough. Editors change, memories can fade and in an intensely competitive newspaper market there is always the temptation for one paper to break ranks for financial advantage. The same applies to proprietors, however well meaning or distinguished.

At the other extreme it would be equally unfortunate if the present public distaste for the activities of some newspapers should lead to the imposition of privacy legislation. Of course, such a thing would be possible, even though there is little evidence around the world of such laws being effective.

The Privacy Bill 1997, should anyone try to introduce one, would have to wrestle simultaneously with subjective definitions of what should be private and what should not, and what exceptions there should be in the public interest. Just try for a moment drawing up on the back of an envelope a watertight legal definition of what constitutes the public interest.

Perhaps the strongest argument against privacy legislation is a very practical one. Unless legal aid is available to launch such lawsuits, and that seems very unlikely, then only the rich and famous will be able to protect their privacy. The danger would be that all the shortcomings of the English libel law would be created in another sphere, and judges, not all equally versed in concepts of freedom of information, would have even greater powers over what we can see and hear. One legal remedy that might be explored is using the existing laws of trespass and stalking against the more determined of the paparazzi.

It may seem, in current heightened emotional circumstances, a pathetically inadequate response, but the future really should continue to belong to Lord Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, and the continuation of strengthened self-regulation. The PCC has worked. Complaints are quickly dealt with and the commission has been successful as an honest broker between newspapers and those who feel aggrieved, except perhaps on a few high-profile occasions.

As Lord Wakeham made clear yesterday, self-regulation has also worked in the past to protect the Princes from harassment. The newspaper industry agreed that, apart from occasional photocalls, photographers would not haunt their schooldays, and that has been respected.

The task now is to draw up new rules, for incorporation in the PCC code of practice, to limit intrusive photography for all of the media. It will not be easy. What after all constitutes a paparazzo photograph? To argue that no picture should ever be published without the consent of its subject, even if taken in a public place, would simply emasculate the media — television as well as newspapers and magazines.

Editors will in future have to take a view on how a picture was obtained, as well as simply judging its editorial merits. The greatest abuse is not usually a single picture but a pattern of relentless hounding of the sort complained of by Earl Spencer. Those who behave in such a way should be identified and their work rejected by the entire British newspaper industry.

The task now is to find new rules that the newspaper industry can collectively embrace to stamp out such manifest unfairness. Their readers, the British public, now expect no less. It is not only good morality, it is also good business, because it is unlikely that papers that ignore the spirit of the times will continue to flourish.

If action is not rapidly forthcoming, time really could be called in the Last Chance Saloon — and the press would thoroughly deserve it.

The people led, we followed

Tony Hall believes the BBC must learn a lesson from last week – let the people speak

A television journalist interviews a boy outside Kensington Palace before the funeral as crowds gather

It began as the tragic death of a popular figure, with implications for the paparazzi, the media and perhaps the monarchy. Exactly the kind of story that requires the gathering of evidence and the views of experts. But a few hours into the day it was clear that the real story was outside the studio, on the streets, in the extraordinary response to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

And the difficulty, frankly, is that for the most part the media did not understand her significance to people. Why should we? Journalists like facts. Who, what, when and where; that's the mantra for every fresh-faced recruit to our profession. Our job is to gather those facts, form them into a coherent report and get them on air. Audiences are supposed to be listening to us, not the other way round.

The BBC is wedded to the notion of accurate reporting, making sense of a story through marshalling specialist knowledge; this is at the core. But last week we learnt a tough lesson. We learnt that emotion has its political dimension, that by giving voice on our airwaves to "ordinary" individuals' thoughts and feelings, we could get at some kind of truth, which would otherwise elude us, no matter how many facts we assembled.

When I received the first call at 1am on that Sunday, my first thoughts were about the sheer mechanics of going on air at the quietest time in the quietest month, with a story unfolding on foreign soil. And how to get it right for every BBC News outlet, including the World Service.

The experts, the commentators, the political leaders were being filmed for their responses, the vox pops were starting to make it on air. Then I realised that something else was going on: people were articulating something that was quite new.

We heard from all kinds of people, of all ages, ethnicities, sexual orientation and social background. And the way they expressed themselves was highly cogent. This was a lesson for me. We must make sure that this diversity of voice stays in our programming.

For some, it was tempting to dismiss the outpourings of emotion as hysteria, tempting, even, to cave into the accusation that we, along with the tabloid press, might even have been orchestrating it by clearing our schedules for continuous coverage.

There was, of course, a symbiotic relationship between us and the public: many would not have known that Kensington Palace was Diana's principal residence but, seeing the crowds gathering there to lay flowers, more followed. As we showed the queue outside St James's Palace, viewers learnt where they could go to pay their respects. When bouquets appeared at Harrods, others, seeing them on TV, followed.

But the truth is, this was a genuinely demotic week. We were following the story, not making it. Our role is to explain, but we needed to do what comes before explanation and that was to understand what Diana was: an icon to a huge section of the population who, knowing of her compassion and seeing her suffering, identified with her.

Of course, without the public exposure given to her, this status could never have been achieved. That is what we had to explain when our crews were criticised by angry mourners who believed that all journalists were paparazzi, hounding their prey for snatched photos.

A newspaper journalist was overheard bemoaning the fact that we were awash with what he dismissed as "little-people stories". What arrogance. The debate about the appropriate coverage of the Princess has had one welcome outcome. All of us in positions of editorial responsibility are now, as never before, held accountable by the public for our decisions. We should be glad of it. When people don't care, we're really in trouble.

There are lessons in all of this for politicians who seek to lead us, and journalists who seek to reflect and explain what's going on in the world.

We have reason to envy her. It seems that Diana made a connection with people, that very thing we use focus groups to help us to achieve. In a world of niche marketing and media fragmentation, it seems there is as much to join us as to divide us.

On Tuesday night, I went to Kensington Palace and read the cards on the floral tributes. I was moved and learnt something. It has not yet been decided what to do with the books of condolence that so many have signed. In a way they form a kind of mass observation record of a country suddenly trying to find an expression for its feelings.

As broadcasters, we should be reading them. They may help us to make sense of the matters that lie so far beyond the knowledge of commentators — what is important to people, what moves them, and what they value.

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Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson, left, pictured during an Adriatic holiday before his abdication; Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor were considered prime targets

Dawn of the paparazzi

The relationship between celebrities and the camera has always been uneasy. **Damian Whitworth** reports

Even before Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, said yesterday that Princes William and Harry must not be hounded by the media, newspapers had been falling over themselves to outlaw paparazzi.

In the wake of Earl Spencer's excoriating attack on the press Lord Rothermere announced that he had ordered his editors at the *Daily Mail*, *Mail on Sunday* and *Evening Standard* not to use paparazzi pictures. *The Express* has said the same. *The Independent* said it might not even attend official Buckingham Palace photo-calls.

The pronouncements sound grand but in reality are simplistic. *The Mail* and *The Express* defined paparazzi as freelance photographers who specialise in snatching pictures of famous people. What has upset the public are intrusive pictures and the methods used to take them. Such pictures can just as easily be taken — and *have* been taken — by newspapers' own photographers.

Conversely, Richard Young, *The Express's* star celebrity photographer works on a freelance basis, is known as the "king of the paparazzi," brought out a book called *Paparazzo* and rides a motorbike. But I have seen him greeted as a friend by many famous people — and he is hardly likely to be barred by *The Express* for hounding them.

Not only is it difficult to pigeonhole some photographers, but it is crucial to remember that what constitutes an intrusive picture cannot be set in stone. The short, but controversial, history of photographing famous people has shown that what was greeted with howls of outrage at one time now seems utterly tame. Unauthorised shots of royals are not new. In 1936 a picture of Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson on holiday in the Adriatic before the abdication caused a storm.

Sir Edward Pickering, the former editor of the *Daily Express* and now executive vice-chairman of Times Newspapers, recalls the public reaction when a picture of the Queen, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Queen Mary at the funeral of George VI was used on the front page of the *Express*. "I was managing editor at the time and there was outrage. I thought I was going to be thrown in jail. But that was a photograph of a public event in a public place."

When Reginald Davis, who was one of the original British royal photographers, started accompanying the family on trips abroad from the late Fifties he would be invited to take up a position at premieres or on the way in and out of events. He was called "our Christmas tree" by the Duke of Edinburgh because he was covered in cameras and flash lights.

However, according to Desmond O'Neil, who took his first royal photographs as a teenager in 1939, it did not take other photgraphers long to catch on that there was money to be made. "Reg Davis was the first one to follow the royals. But then others saw that he was getting good pictures which were being used everywhere and joined in.

"Back then Princess Margaret was the great target. Pictures of her smoking caused outrage," says O'Neil. And editors were still very careful. "In 1963 I got a picture when the Queen's dress blew up at Wellington and showed a small portion of her slip. No one would use it at the time.

Another deterrent was the summary justice meted out to photographers in the style of today's more pugnacious film stars. "I saw Princess Margaret's detective thump a French photographer on the jaw when he was trying to take a photograph. He just came up and walloped him," says O'Neil.

Before the cameramen grew bolder, film stars such as Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and Brigitte Bardot were their prime victims. At first the stars' publicists would set up photo-calls on a beach but then more and more photographers would attend.

As the quality of colour printing improved and the number of magazines multiplied, hordes turned up. Demand for pictures encouraged shots to be taken of celebrities caught unawares. Fellini coined the term "paparazzi" for those who specialised in such shots in *La Dolce Vita*.

Barry Swaebe, who started taking pictures of royals and famous people 40 years ago, says that the rapidly improving technology of the Sixties considerably aided the growth of the paparazzi. "The cameras got so much smaller and the lens better. It became much easier."

Pressure grew on staff photographers and those with respected agencies when they returned with pictures taken in their allotted positions to be met by picture editors asking why they didn't have shots taken by freelances from more interesting, unapproved angles.

Davis says, however, that such bun fights were as nothing compared to what happened when Princes Charles and Lady Diana Spencer announced their engagement. "That was the turning point. That was an event that didn't involve snatched pictures, but I gave up after that.

"I had never climbed a ladder to take a picture. Occasionally I would be passed a chair to get a shot of the Queen's carriage on the way to the opening of Parliament but nowadays the photographers are like window cleaners with automatic cameras. Anybody could be a photographer."

He believes that the shots that contributed more than any other to the present crisis were the infamous photographs of the Duchess of York having her toes sucked by her "financial adviser", John Bryan. They were taken by a paparazzo who crawled through undergrowth and endured a long stakeout. "That was a watershed. That was the start of it and then it progressed. It was open season after that."

The idea, however, that the more distant past was simply a more gentlemanly, respectful age is not altogther true. Reg Davis spent several hours one day in 1979 photographing Sophia Loren at Versailles. As they left in his car two other cars pulled out of the car park and pursued them at speed back to Paris. "They chased us through a long tunnel on the way back. The difference was they weren't on motorbikes. But that has given me some thoughts recently."

Shots of Princess Margaret smoking were met with outrage

Does Diana rank as the story of the century?

When the biggest news stories break, journalists tend instinctively to react first as news editors and only seconds later as human beings. That may be unfair: perhaps unlike other people we do both simultaneously, reacting with shock and grief but also immediately planning what should go in the paper. That was certainly the experience of every journalist when the news broke in the early hours of August 31.

Since then, no story this century has commanded so much space in British newspapers or newspapers across the world. On that count alone, beyond its emotional and tragic impact or its ability within Britain to rouse a nation against a monarchy seemingly out of step with its subjects, the death of Diana, Princess of Wales has undoubtedly been the biggest news story of the century.

But was it the most significant? Within newsrooms, it has sparked a debate about which news stories have had the same impact on editors and readers.

We all have our own candidates. Within my adult lifetime, the stories that stand out in the memory are the Queen's coronation in 1953, Suez in 1956 and (after I became a journalist) Churchill's funeral, the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, the assasination of President Kennedy in 1963, Watergate, the wedding of Price Charles and Princess Diana, the fall of the Berlin wall and Nelson Mandela's release.

Those are stories with a global impact. Among the British candidates must be the Aberfan disaster, the Falklands and Gulf wars, Hungerford, Lockerbie, Dunblane and several IRA bombs.

That, however, ignores half the century. *The Times*, then a much smaller newspaper, devoted as big a proportion of its space to Queen Victoria's death in 1901 as it did last week to the death of Princess Diana — as did the *Daily Mail* to the flight across the Channel by Blériot.

On a worldwide rating, candidates for the some of the other greatest stories of the century have to include the sinkings of the *Titanic* and the *Lusitania*, the storming of the Winter Palace, the end of the First World War, the Reichstag fire in 1933, the Second World War (the declaration, the greatest day of the Battle of Britain, Pearl Harbour, victory at Alamein, D-Day or VE Day are all candidates), the first atom bombing, at Hiroshima, the building of the Berlin wall, Nikita Khrushchev's speech in 1956 denouncing Stalin and the first man on the moon.

That list omits the Wall Street crash, the election or death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Stalingrad, the creation of Israel, Senator McCarthy, the death of Stalin, Sputnik, the rise of Fidel Castro, the Sharpeville massacre, the assassination of Martin Luther King and the Vietnam war — and it is also highly Anglocentric.

Among the other British candidates are the relief of Mafeking, the Gallipoli fiasco, the suffragettes, the General Strike, the Abdication of Edward VIII, the election of the 1945 Labour government, independence for India, the conquest of Mount Everest, the Profumo affair, the winter of discontent, the downfall of Margaret Thatcher and the landslide victory of Tony Blair's New Labour Party.

Yet those were stories that could be measured in column inches on the day or by the week. There is also news that simply cannot be measured that way and which is of still profounder and evil significance, especially in its long term impact on human lives — Stalin's Great Terror in the 1930s, Hitler's Holocaust, Verwoerd's apartheid, African famine, Pol Pot's Cambodia.

The main problem in selecting such journalistic lists is that most are stories of death, disaster and war and never about love and happiness. The "good news" stories — the discoveries of penicillin, the X-ray or DNA, the invention of radar, television or the jet aeroplane, test-tube babies, women's liberation, black liberation — cannot be measured by their impact on a single day's or week's news. Yet each has had a more momentous impact on human happiness than any of the other stories. That is the way newspapers work and is, in fact, what readers expect.

So what were the ten news greatest stories of the century? What follows is a personal stab at an answer — and the main news story of last week certainly is not one of them. Why not quarrel with it?

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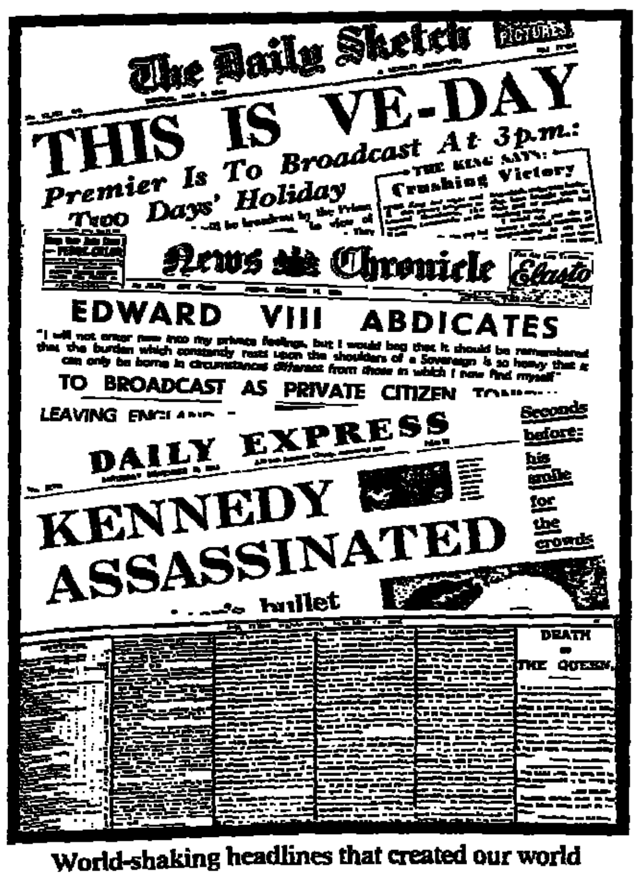

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Join real world, Blair tells unions

■ The Prime Minister told the trade unions in stark terms that they must cast aside their dogmas and join the real world if they were to have a role in creating a modern enterprise Britain. He made it plain that union leaders had no automatic influence over a Labour Government and told them that they risked being left behind unless they came to terms with the challenges of a more competitive world .... **Page 1**

Woman wins damages for marital rape

■ A wife has made legal history by sucessfully suing her husband for damages after he raped her. She was awarded £14,000 in what experts describe as a ground-breaking case. Husbands have been successfully criminally prosecuted for raping their wives, but lawyers believe this is the first time that a civil action for rape has been won .... **Page 1**

Whitehall press purge

A purge of senior Government information officers has begun in Whitehall after some Cabinet Ministers asked for a review of press arrangements .... **Page 1**

Princess coach crash

The Queen sent a message of sympathy to the families of two women killed and 47 other people injured after their coach crashed while travelling to London to pay tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales .... **Pages 1, 6, 7**

Sinn Fein promise

After three decades of republican violence, Sinn Fein yesterday formally renounced the use of force to achieve political ends ... **Page 2**

Rugby star accused

Former England rugby star John Hall put his hand down a woman's trousers during a hard-drinking celebration, a court was told .... **Page 3**

Call of the sea

Undaunted by a shipwreck that nearly cost them their lives, the Schinas family is taking to the ocean again with a fifth crew member — a two-week-old baby girl .... **Page 5**

Devolution challenge

William Hague fought back against Tony Blair's devolution plans, saying that a Scottish parliament was a "dangerous trap" which would prise apart the United Kingdom .... **Page 8**

Flooding legacy

Black pools of evil-smelling water on the Somerset Levels still disfigure one of Britain's most fragile landscapes, five weeks after the summer floods .... **Page 11**

Dangerous Spock

Mr Spock, the ice-cold rationalist of the starship *Enterprise*, is doing a disservice to science, a psychologist told the British Association for the Advancement of Science .... **Page 12**

Secret Israeli talks

In an attempt to break the deadlock between Israel and Syria, a senior adviser to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, held "secret talks" in Europe before the arrival today of Madeleine Albright .... **Page 13**

New Chinese leader

The Chinese Communist Party has been unable to suppress signals that the next Prime Minister will be Zhu Rongji .... **Page 14**

Siege broken

British troops helped to break a siege of Banja Luka's central Bosna Hotel, escorting politicians loyal to Radovan Karadzic, the war crimes suspect .... **Page 15**

Collusion allegation

The ANC and South Africa's white Government colluded in abducting the main witness against Winnie Mandela in the Stompie Moeketsi case, says a new book .... **Page 15**

Red cards at the Red Lion

■ Public houses could be forced to close under a penalty points scheme aimed at cutting drink-related violence to be launched this month, the Government announced. The "totting up" system, similar to that operating for motoring offences, would hit licensees who fail to keep order or allow under-age and after-hours drinking .... **Page 2**

PETER NICHOLS

Humphrey Ocean with his portrait of Tony Benn which was commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery and will be unveiled tonight

BUSINESS

PIA chief goes: The Government's plan for a single financial services regulator claimed a scalp as Colette Bowe, chief executive of the Personal Investment Authority, said she is standing down .... **Page 25**

Inflation: The headline rate rose to a two year high in August but underlying inflation fell back. The City is convinced that interest rates will not rise .... **Page 25**

Coal warning: RJB Mining, which is closing the Asfordby pit, has said that thousands more jobs could go if the Government does not support clean coal technology .... **Page 25**

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 34.7 to 4950.5. The Sterling index rose to 100.4 from 100.1, rising from $1.5823 to $1.5895 and from DM2.8646 to DM2.8791 ... **Page 28**

SPORT

England recall: Angus Fraser, 32, the most dependable seam bowler of his generation, was recalled to the 16-strong England party to tour the West Indies .... **Page 48**

Football: England will try to focus their energies on a World Cup qualifying tie against Moldova that once would have been routine but is now far from that .... **Page 48**

Chairman's support: Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, has given his personal support to a two-division county championship .... **Page 43**

Tennis: Three Britons out of four reached the second round of the Samsung Open in Bournemouth for the loss of only one set between them .... **Page 46**

ARTS

Laddie of the Lake: Jimmy McGovern, riding high after *Cracker* and the *Hillsborough* documentary, has a new drama series starting on BBC TV about culture clashes in the Lake District .... **Page 32**

Swedish delight: The Proms enjoyed a fine night of Romantic music from the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra. On the South Bank an early music festival explored an intriguing theory about Handel's *Water Music* ..... **Page 32**

Hot tickets: Critics of *The Times* critics select the best theatre, music, exhibitions, films and dance of the autumn .... **Page 33**

Blue pencil-pushing: At the Ambassadors Theatre *The Censor* is a racy attack on those who wield the blue pencil .... **Page 34**

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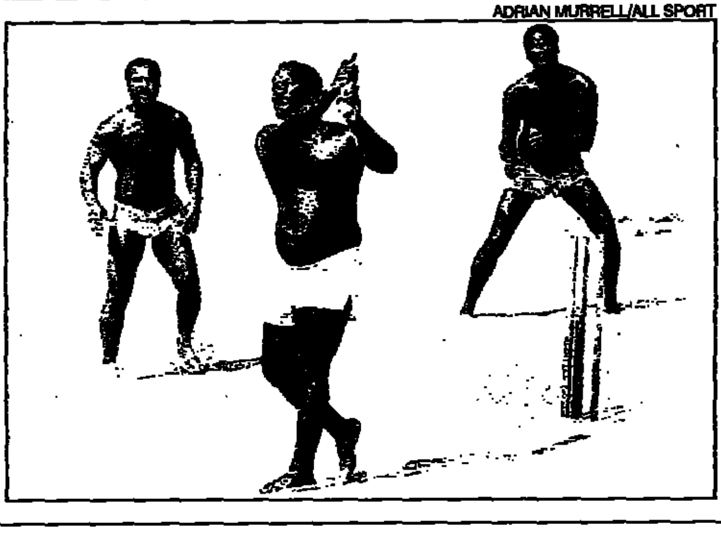

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ TRAVEL
How cricketers are pitching in to attract England fans to the West Indies

■ FILMS
Geoff Brown finds *Air Force One*, with Harrison Ford, to be old-fashioned fun

FEATURES

New religion: Where once people in distress turned to religion, now they turn to therapy .... **Page 16**

Nigella Lawson: Public show versus private emotion; why death is so shocking to modern values; superstition behind shrines; shopping-list condolences .... **Page 16**

Mother Teresa: Is it arrogant to presume that though a body of knowledge exists, you do not need to use it? Anna Sebba wonders whether the care the nun provided was the right kind .... **Page 17**

MEDIA

People power: The BBC must take to heart the lesson it learnt from the Princess's death — to listen to the people, says Tony Hall, Chief Executive of BBC News .... **Page 22**

Who's who: How can you outlaw paparazzi photographs when no one is sure just who or what is a paparazzo .... **Page 23**

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Diplomatic: Could you let your home or flat to members of an embassy? .... **Page 41**

THE PAPERS

Madeleine Albright cannot untangle the problems of the Middle East in one visit. But if she fails to budge anyone, the decline of the peace effort and erosion of American leadership could quickly get worse — *The New York Times*

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Review: Goodies: Matthew Bond on *Good Morning* (ITV), *Looking Good* (BBC2) and *The Feel Good Factor* (C4). **Preview:** Making the Bard relevant: *Conjuring Shakespeare* (BBC2, 7.30) .... **Pages 46, 47**

OPINION

Brighton rocked

Rather than being dragged struggling and reluctant into the 21st century, trade unions should learn a lesson from the party they back. Modernisation works .... **Page 19**

Better in than out

The Ulster Unionists should remain at the table but act with caution. Good taste as well as due tactics implies that they should at first avoid direct contact with Mr Adams .... **Page 19**

Boffins in revolt

History is littered with heroic scientists: Marie Curie, Louis Pasteur and James Lister, to name but a few. The boffins should come out of their laboratories and take a bow .... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Tony Blair has no vote in tomorrow's Scottish referendum. Yet he has already given his verdict on its "tax-varying" question two. He wants it null and void. He wishes the Scots to vote "yes" to having the power to vary tax. Yet he will not allow them to exercise that power. He wants Scotland to have babies without having sex .... **Page 18**

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Why are computers so unreliable and difficult to use? The short answer seems to be that the computer industry is dominated by two companies. By constantly changing specifications and adding gimmicks, these companies make systems appear obsolete .... **Page 18**

SIMON BARNES

The race is not always to the swift — but that is the right way to bet. An old gambler's saying, and it is always a pleasure to bet on a genuine sporting certainty .... **Page 46**

OBITUARIES

Major-General Sir John Hackett; **Derek Taylor**, Beatles publicist; **Jenny Jeger**, lobbyist .... **Page 21**

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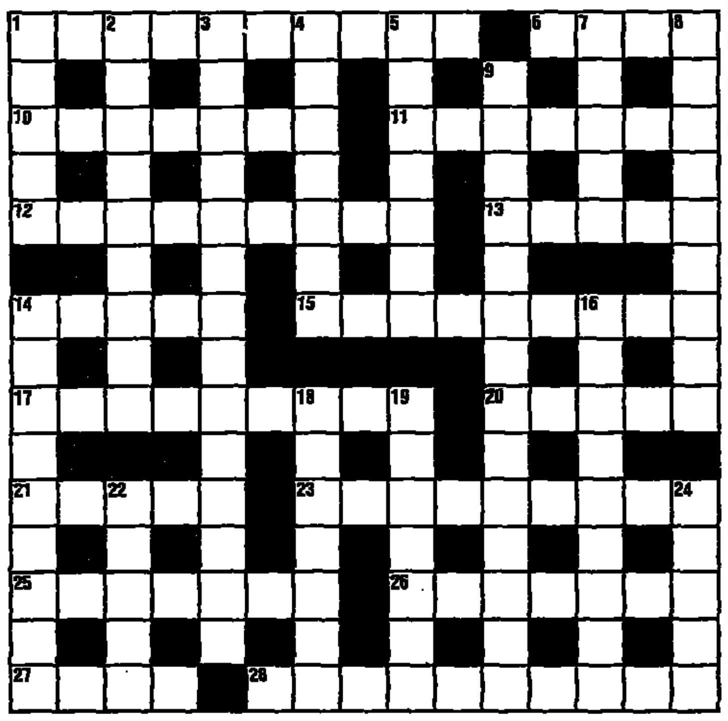

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 39% of the contestants in the 1997 Times Crossword Championship.

ACROSS
1 No fan of Lenin's initial comment on Trotsky's letters? (10).
6 Hits back in quarrel (4).
10 Sun god's found here – associated with oral legend (7).
11 Where napkin goes is somewhat obscure (7).
12 One getting blame brooded about limit to self-esteem (9).
13 The South appears to lose vital forces when team invades (5).
14 Sat on bronco's back here? (5).
15 Supposed originator of dance craze (9).
17 New York speed cops initially reported Bowery girl? (4,5).
20 There's nothing in marble to blend with metals (5).
21 One formed in smelting others? (5).
23 A fortune might be made playing this (5,4).
25 Acrobat with twisted back was a noble mover? (7).
26 Mysterious headless fish out of tin (7).
27 There's none at its opposite corner (4).
28 Not served by Hatter, one at tea-party put to sleep (as the eccentric Oxford don had it!) (10).

DOWN
1 Grounds for university to withhold minimal payment for writer (5).
2 To deal effectively with father I would interrupt little boy (3,4,2).
3 Going about on the highway with Turpin not there to disturb (5-5,4).
4 City porter's to carry on to the end (4,3).
5 Gunman is finally brought before the beak (7).
7 Noise from company's plant (5).
8 One paper spoilt in test – you've a long way to go here (9).
9 Common feature of *The Times* and *The Guardian* – but not *Punch* (7,7).
14 So treated, weren't it right initially? (9).
16 Composer penned in without guidance, lacking experience in any form (9).
18 Swag taken by Australian liar (7).
19 Woman's diamonds, perhaps, delivered soundly with many locks on (7).
22 Hot soup giving a lot of pain in the mouth (5).
24 It can be boring to a daughter, 17 (5).

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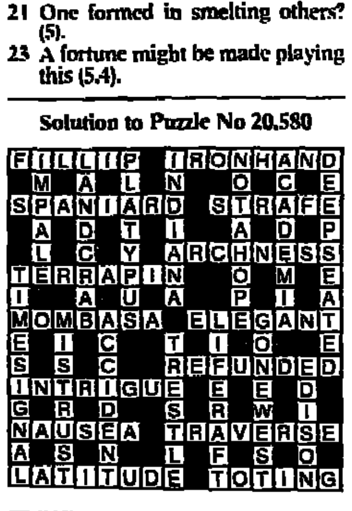

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Sun rises: 6.27 am	Sun sets: 7.27 pm
Moon sets 11.58 pm	Moon rises 2.55 pm

First quarter today
London 7.27 pm to 6.29 am
Bristol 7.36 pm to 6.39 am
Edinburgh 7.44 pm to 6.37 am
Manchester 7.37 pm to 6.35 am
Penzance 7.47 pm to 6.52 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a cold start, with pockets of fog at dawn, but become sunny and quite warm. Southern and eastern Scotland, together with Northern Ireland, will have cloud and sunny periods. The far north of Scotland will be dull and windy with light rain or drizzle. The Irish Republic will be sunny.

Tonight, fog patches likely to develop especially in inland England and Wales.

☐ **London, Midlands, Cent N England:** Early fog clearing to give warm sunshine. A light and variable wind. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **SE, Cent S, SW England, Channel Is:** Early fog soon dispersing, then dry and sunny. A light to moderate E wind. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **E Anglia, E, NE, NW England, Wales, Lakes, IoM:** Early pockets of fog will clear to leave a mostly sunny day. Warming up after a chilly start. Light, variable winds, but local sea breezes on coast. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** Dry. Thin clouds and hazy sunshine. A moderate SW wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll:** Cloudy but mainly dry, with a few sunny spells. A brisk SW wind. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy with a little rain at first. A strong SW wind. Max 17C (63F)

☐ **Irish Republic:** Fine and warm with plenty of sunshine. Cooler around some coasts with patchy cloud. Wind variable and light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Outlook:** Showers spread southwards tomorrow and Friday, introducing colder, windy weather. In Scottish Highlands, showers likely to turn to snow on Friday.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.0	-	15	59	s
Anglesey	7.6	-	17	63	s
Aspatria	9.9	-	17	63	s
Aviemore	8.9	-	15	59	s
Belfast	7.4	0.01	16	61	s
Birmingham	10.4	-	18	64	s
Bognor R	12.1	-	21	70	s
Bristol	8.1	-	21	70	s
Buxton	10.1	-	16	61	s
Cardiff	7.9	-	20	68	s
Clacton	12.5	-	19	66	s
Colwyn Bay	7.3	-	16	61	s
Cromer	10.4	-	15	59	s
Dunbar	11.1	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	10.1	-	19	66	s
Eskdalemuir	11.0	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	8.9	-	18	64	s
Fishguard	7.2	-	15	59	s
Folkestone	9.6	-	21	70	s
Glasgow	9.1	0.01	17	63	s
Guernsey	5.2	-	20	68	s
Hastings	9.6	-	20	68	s
Hayling I.	11.7	-	21	70	s
Herne Bay	11.1	-	19	66	s
Hove	X	-	22	72	s
Hunstanton	10.7	-	16	61	s
Isle-of-man	7.3	-	17	63	s
Isle-of-wight	9.8	-	20	68	s
Jersey	7.4	-	21	70	s
Kinloss	7.5	0.01	16	61	s
Leeds	11.9	-	21	70	s
Lerwick	4.4	0.05	9	48	sh
Leuchars	11.3	-	19	66	s
Littlehmptn	11.0	-	21	70	s
London	11.8	-	21	70	s
Lowestoft	10.6	-	17	63	s
Manchester	8.7	-	18	64	s
Margate	10.7	-	19	66	s
Minehead	5.8	-	19	66	s
Morecambe	10.0	-	17	63	s
Newcastle	11.7	-	18	64	s
Newquay	6.7	-	17	63	s
Norwich	11.7	-	17	63	s
Oxford	11.6	-	20	68	s
Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Poole	8.7	-	20	68	s
Ross-o-wye	10.8	-	21	70	s
Salcombe	7.6	-	21	70	s
Sauntn Snd	5.9	-	19	66	s
Scarboro'	11.5	-	15	59	s
Shrewsbury	9.9	-	17	63	s
Southend	11.6	-	23	73	s
Southport	8.5	-	17	63	s
Southsea	10.2	-	22	72	s
Stornoway	9.7	-	14	57	s
Swanage	10.5	-	20	68	s
Tenby	7.0	-	17	63	s
Tiree	9.0	0.01	15	59	s
Torquay	7.5	-	21	70	s
West-s-mare	7.0	-	21	70	s

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s
Algiers	28	82	s
Amst'dm	17	63	c
Athens	29	84	s
B Aires	12	54	f
Bahrain	36	97	s
Bangkok	31	88	f
Barbados	29	84	c
Barcelona	26	79	s
Beirut	28	82	s
Belgrade	24	75	s
Berlin	19	66	c
Bermuda	28	82	f
Biarritz	21	70	s
Borde'x	24	75	s
Brussels	19	66	f
Budapst	22	72	f
Cairo	32	90	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s
Ch'church	11	52	x
Chicago	22	72	f
Cologne	21	70	f
Corfu	30	86	s
C'phagn	30	68	f
Dublin	17	63	f
Dubrovnik	28	82	s
Faro	28	82	s
Florence	32	90	s
Frankfurt	21	70	s
Funchal	24	75	f
Geneva	20	68	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s
Helsinki	18	64	r
Hong K	27	81	sh
Innsbrck	20	68	s
Istanbul	25	77	s
Jeddah	X		
Jo'burg	14	57	f
L Angels	X		
L Palmas	25	77	f
Le Touquet	19	66	f
Lisbon	31	88	s
Locarno	25	77	s
Luxembg	19	66	f
Luxor	39	102	s
Madrid	30	86	s
Majorca	30	86	s
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Naples	32	90	f
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Oslo	19	66	c
Paris	22	72	s
Peking	30	86	f
Perth	18	64	c
Prague	19	66	f
Reykjavik	9	48	c
Rhodes	28	82	s
Rio de J	24	75	f
Riyadh	41	106	s
Rome	30	86	s
S Fr'isco	X		
S Paulo	X		
Salzburg	19	66	s
Santiago	7	45	f
Seoul	31	88	s
Sing'por	33	91	f
St'kholm	18	64	s
Strasb'rg	22	72	s
Sydney	21	70	s
Tangier	30	86	s
Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Tenerife	29	84	f
Tokyo	24	75	r
Toronto	10	50	s
Tunis	28	82	c
Valencia	29	84	s
Vanc'ver	13	54	s
Venice	26	79	s
Vienna	22	72	f
Warsaw	16	61	c
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Zurich	19	66	s

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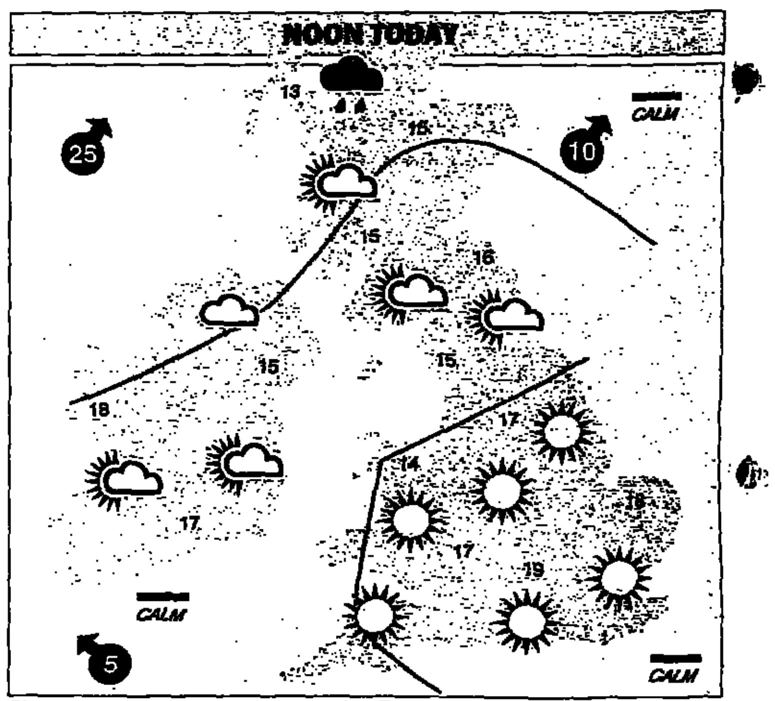

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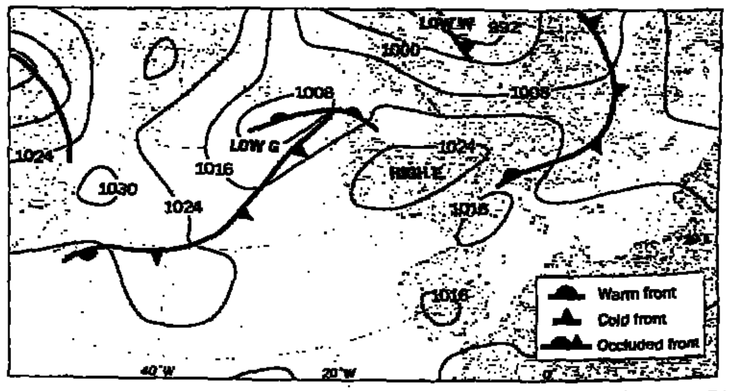

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Aberdeen	07.21	3.6	19.56	3.5
Avonmouth	00.13	10.6	12.37	10.2
Belfast	04.57	3.1	17.19	3.0
Cardiff	-	-	12.23	9.6
Devonport	11.14	4.6	23.39	4.5
Dover	04.24	5.7	16.54	5.6
Dublin (N Wall)	05.48	3.4	18.12	3.4
Falmouth	10.45	4.4	23.10	4.3
Greenock	06.03	3.1	18.41	2.9
Harwich	05.28	3.5	17.53	3.4
Holyhead	04.00	4.6	16.41	4.6
Hull (Albert D)	-	-	12.09	7.2
Ilfracombe	11.39	7.2	-	-
King's Lynn	-	-	12.04	5.2
Leith	08.41	4.6	21.12	4.6
Liverpool	04.42	7.8	17.20	7.6
Lowestoft	03.19	2.2	15.47	2.2
Margate	05.38	4.2	18.01	4.1
Milford Haven	11.59	5.4	-	-
Newquay	10.57	5.5	23.29	5.4
Oban	11.40	3.0	23.54	3.0
Penzance	10.24	4.5	22.54	4.4
Portland	-	-	12.23	1.5
Portsmouth	04.59	4.0	17.29	4.0
Shoreham	04.30	4.9	17.10	4.9
Southampton	04.18	4.0	16.49	3.9
Swansea	11.59	7.6	-	-
Tees	09.51	4.3	22.26	4.3
Walton-on-N	05.23	3.6	17.51	3.5

All times BST. Heights in metres.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 23C (73F); highest rainfall: Balta Sound, Shetland, 0.20in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 12.5hr

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10 1997

Financial regulation turmoil ahead of announcement of new 'super-SIB' team

Bowe resigns from PIA and spurns Newro

By Gavin Lumsden

THE Government's plan to set up a single financial services regulator claimed its first senior victim yesterday as Colette Bowe, chief executive of the Personal Investment Authority, announced she would not be applying for any of the top jobs and would be leaving the PIA in the new year.

Her statement stunned the financial services industry, coming less than two months before Howard Davies, executive chairman of what has come to be known as Newro, is due to announce his management team.

Industry sources said Ms Bowe's departure increased the likelihood that the position of chief executive will now go to Andrew Winckler, who holds the post at the Securities and Investments Board, the body that oversees the three frontline regulators, including the PIA. Michael Foot, executive director of banking supervision at the Bank of England, is believed to be in line for head of supervision. An amiable career regulator, he survived the heavy criticism of the Bank's role in allowing Barings to collapse in 1994, in spite of being in charge of the regulation of the merchant bank.

Supervision and enforcement are considered to be the most important of the five divisions that will be created at Newro. The others are authorisation, consumer relations and policy.

A PIA spokesman said none of the jobs on offer at Newro offered the challenge that Ms Bowe wanted. Ms Bowe, 50, who was SIB's director of investment management and public affairs for six years before taking the reins at the PIA in 1994, said she had greatly enjoyed the challenge of the PIA.

Ms Bowe earned £160,000 and a £20,000 bonus in the last financial year and is on a 12-month contract. In her three-year tenure she earned a reputation as being strong on policy but weak on operational management.

In March the House of Commons all-party Treasury committee criticised her for the PIA's slowness in resolving the £4 billion pensions mis-selling scandal which is believed to have affected up to 1.5 million people. In addition, the PIA's pension unit has been attacked for being slow in dealing with more than 40,000 mis-selling cases from defunct independent financial advisers. Since May Ms Bowe has come under strong pressure from Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary, to speed up the pensions review. Ms Liddell has regularly "named and shamed" pension companies regulated by the PIA for their lack of progress in compensating victims.

Bernard Jones, chairman of the IFA Association, said: "We're not that surprised. The Government was not happy with the state of regulation and I am not surprised that they want different people to run it. From the moment of the creation of super-SIB, I thought her days were numbered."

However, a Treasury spokesman denied that the Government had intervened with Mr Davies.

Ms Bowe said: "A great deal remains to be done to conclude the pensions review and to take forward work we have started here at PIA on training and competence, disclosure and the Evolution project. I am very keen that we should maintain the momentum of our important work to protect investors, as PIA goes forward into Newro. I will be working closely with PIA and Newro colleagues in the coming months to ensure a smooth and swift transition to the new regime."

The news came as a considerable surprise to PIA senior managers who were informed of the news yesterday afternoon, after the PIA board meeting.

Last Friday Ms Bowe had briefed them on the progress of the formation of Newro. During this discussion she described Mr Davies as a "good mate" and had commented that his culture seemed closer to that of the PIA than to the SIB.

Mr Davies said: "We are sorry Colette has decided not to apply for any of the senior management positions and wish her well in her future career."

Colette Bowe's statement has stunned the financial services industry

Treasury plays down tension with Bank

By Janet Bush
Economics Editor

THE Treasury moved yesterday to counter growing disquiet that its relations with the Bank of England have sunk to an all-time low.

Whitehall sources this week accused Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, of being obstructive in the negotiations on drafting the Bill giving the Bank operational independence over interest rates and handing over regulatory powers to the new securities and investments board.

But the Treasury yesterday denied suggestions of tensions, saying: "The Bank and the Treasury are working closely together on a highly complex piece of legislation and progress on this is good and to timetable."

Although officials from both sides appear to have come through a particularly sticky patch in these negotiations in the summer, there is still barely disguised and considerable ill-feeling between the institutions. The Governor remains a pointed target for detractors in Whitehall and Mr George's position apparently remains a live issue in some parts of the Treasury machine.

Severe strains broke into the public domain in May when Mr George refused to deny that he had considered resignation. The Governor was clearly chagrined that he had not been properly consulted by the Treasury about the timing of the announcement on the transfer of supervisory powers.

Officials close to the Chancellor are widely believed to have attempted to use Mr George's public displeasure to weaken his grip on the Governorship and make way for a candidate closer to new Labour tastes. The favoured candidate was rumoured to be Gavyn Davies of Goldman Sachs, the investment bank.

However, suggestions that Mr George was under pressure played very badly in the City and even, it is believed, with top-rank Treasury civil servants. Any plans to replace the Governor appeared to have been dropped.

Gordon Brown runs a Treasury at odds with the Bank

George: remains a target

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STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FTSE 100	4950.5	(−34.7)
Yield	3.34%	
FTSE All share	2333.11	(−13.07)
Nikkei	18695.97	(+62.11)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7834.02	(−1.16)*
S&P Composite	931.78	(+0.58)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	$5\frac{7}{16}$%*	($5\frac{1}{2}$%)
Long Bond	96[illegible]*	(96[illegible])
Yield	6.63%*	(6.61%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	$7\frac{7}{32}$%	($7\frac{7}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	$114\frac{15}{16}$	($115\frac{1}{8}$)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.5885*	(1.5810)
London:		
$	1.5905	(1.5827)
DM	2.8805	(2.8650)
FFr	9.6832	(9.6358)
SFr	2.3607	(2.3530)
Yen	189.37	(191.74)
£ Index	100.4	(100.1)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.8130*	(1.8085)
FFr	6.0945*	(6.0810)
SFr	1.4877*	(1.4858)
Yen	119.00*	(121.16)
$ Index	105.7	(106.3)
Tokyo close Yen 118.95		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Nov)	$18.50	($18.50)
GOLD		
London close	$321.85	($321.85)

* denotes midday trading price

Church row

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Lonrho buys

Lonrho is paying £225 million for coalmining interests owned by JCI, the South African group with which it was in merger talks earlier this year.
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City unworried by inflation data

By Alasdair Murray, Economics Correspondent

HEADLINE inflation rose to a two-year high in August after steep rises in mortgage interest payments and the cost of summer holidays.

However, the Government's favoured measure of underlying inflation fell back, leaving the City convinced that the Bank of England will not raise interest rates after the monetary policy committee meeting which begins today.

Headline inflation rose by 0.6 per cent in August, taking the annual rate to 3.5 per cent from 3.3 per cent in July. The measure of underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, fell from 3 per cent to 2.8 per cent, although it remains above the target figure of 2.5 per cent.

The Office for National Statistics said the main cause of the rise was a further increase in mortgage rates as banks and building societies responded to July's quarter-point rise in base rates. Holiday prices rose by about 8 per cent from August last year as travel companies took advantage of windfall-related spending. Increases in tobacco, clothing and footwear prices also pushed up the all-items index.

Andrew Cates, UK economist at UBS, said: "This benign inflation data suggests that windfall demand so far has failed to cause serious inflation pressure." But Richard Iley, UK economist at ABN-AMRO Hoare Govett, gave warning that the rise in headline inflation could feed through to higher wage settlements and add to inflation pressure next year.

Economists expect the gap between headline and underlying inflation to widen further next month. Another round of mortgage interest payment increases, after the August rate rise, will send the headline rate higher but underlying inflation is expected to move back towards the 2.5 per cent target.

Healthcare firm's value falls £300m

MORE than £300 million was yesterday wiped off the value of Biocompatibles International, one of Britain's biggest healthcare companies, after its American collaborator refused to license its flagship product (Chris Ayres writes).

Shares in Biocompatibles plunged 415p to 732½p, leaving the company valued at £534 million, a little over half its market value earlier this year. Five directors of the group saw their holding in it fall in value by £3.6 million.

The frenzied selling was sparked by investors' fears over the future of the surgical equipment coating made by the company. The coating, used on stents — devices that hold blood vessels open — was widely expected to be licensed to Johnson & Johnson, the US drugs group.

Instead, J&J hit worldwide confidence in the product by allowing only limited collaboration between the two companies.

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RJB Mining in jobs warning

By Sarah Cunningham

RJB MINING, which last month closed the huge Asfordby pit, gave warning yesterday that thousands more miners' jobs could go if the Government does not back a levy on electricity bills to support clean coal technology.

Gordon McPhie, the mining group's finance director, said: "To keep the pits open we need to sustain the current level of coal burning. Without the clean technology, coal-fired stations will not be able to meet the Government's carbon dioxide emission targets."

He said that if a 1 per cent levy on household electricity bills to support clean coal was not introduced the company would have to scrap all its UK projects, including the opening of a new "superpit" at Witham in Nottinghamshire.

A clean coal station is being developed by RJB with National Power and Texaco, but the companies say they need public funding. The technology is seen by RJB, which employs 7,500 miners, as the only way to compete with cleaner gas-fired plants.

Richard Budge, chief executive, said he expects a decision on the levy this year. He added that the company's controversial decision to close the Asfordby pit in Leicestershire was irreversible. Of the 490 workers at the pit, 180 have accepted jobs at other sites while about 80 have taken voluntary redundancy.

John Battle, the Energy Minister, yesterday offered miners' union leaders no hope of a Government-backed reprieve. "It is difficult for the Government to influence investment decisions of private companies without prejudice to other companies," he said.

RJB lifted its interim dividend 25 per cent to 10p a share from earnings up 17 per cent to 39p. Pre-tax profit in the six months to June 30 rose to £87.2 million (£86 million).

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CWC launches £100m consultation

Advert campaign starting

By Raymond Snoddy
Media Editor

CABLE & WIRELESS Communications, the largest cable group, is planning to ask at least six million people what services and channels they want to receive.

CWC believes it is the largest consumer consultation exercise of its kind to be attempted in the UK. For every questionaire returned CWC will pay 50p to Barnardo's, the children's charity.

The mass sampling of opinion is part of a massive advertising and marketing campaign that starts on Monday. The campaign will cost £50 million between now and March. A further £50 million is likely to be spent on a follow-up campaign over subsequent months. Apart from four TV advertisements CWC has decided to buy all of the colour advertising capacity of Monday's national newspapers.

Respondents will be asked to fill in a survey entitled *What Can We Do For You?* In the final section customers will be asked what they want communications technology to do for them and the best ideas will be turned into a series of television programmes.

CWC has more than a million subscribing homes through its cable franchises and Mercury Communications, the phone company that is now part of the group. The company was formed earlier this year from a merger of three large cable companies, Nynex, Bell Cablemedia and Videotron plus Mercury. As part of the campaign posters all over Britain will ask: "What's the future of telecommunications? You tell us" and "Who's going to decide the future of the Internet? You are".

Press advertisements will ask whether viewers really would like to have a television channel devoted to their favourite football team. CWC is already in talks with Leeds United, based in one of its cable areas, about a channel that shows news and views about the team — although not live Premiership games at this stage.

Graham Wallace, chief executive of Cable & Wireless Communications, said: "You'll not be able to move for CWC yellow ads next Monday."

TRADES UNION CONGRESS AT BRIGHTON

Brothers berate Carey over brethren

CHURCH ROLE IN FOCUS

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, faced criticism over the Church's refusal to recognise a union representing 500 members of the clergy (James Landale writes).

As Dr Carey gave his backing to the legal right for union representation in a speech to congress here, Roger Lyons, General Secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, accused the Church of hypocrisy.

He claimed the Church was behaving like a "19th century mill owner" over its refusal to recognise MSF's clergy section, set up three years ago. Although priests can join the union, they cannot use it to negotiate with the Church over pay or conditions.

"They believe they can hire and fire at will," Mr Lyons said. "Many clergy are in tied cottages and if they are sacked they lose their home as well."

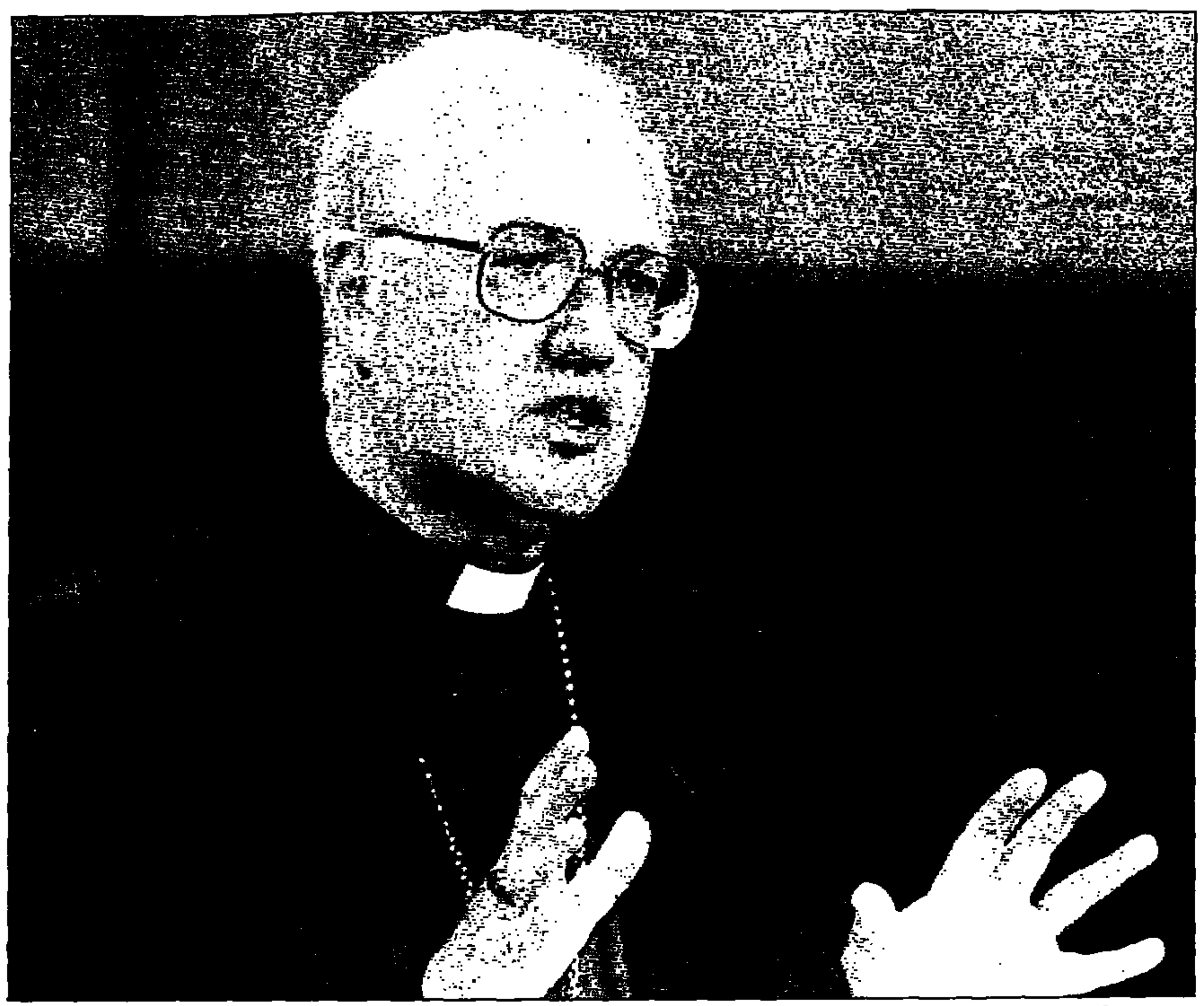
He added: "The Church is being hypocritical because it is hypocritical to want rights for others but not for your own employees."

While admitting that Dr Carey, a former member of two unions, was not hostile to unions, Mr Lyons said other bishops did not want to lose their middle-management role within the Church. He said he would be writing to Dr Carey to urge the Church to recognise MSF.

A Lambeth Palace spokesman said Mr Lyons's remarks were "an unwelcome distraction" to the speech made by Dr Carey yesterday. He said the Church recognised the unions of its own lay workers but insisted that the clergy were technically self-employed. He added that MSF had managed to attract only 500 out of some 10,000 clergy, which did not justify formal recognition of the union.

Last night, the MSF clergy section called for urgent action to correct an "extraordinary anomaly" where Church of England clergy are not seen as employees of the church but of God.

The clergy sction, founded three years ago, has 400 members out of about 10,000 Anglican clergy.



Dr Carey embraced the unions yesterday but was accused of behaving like a mill owner over the rights of priests

CBI warns of potential for recognition conflict

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

UNIONS IN THE WORKPLACE

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday warned the Trades Union Congress that union recognition in the workplace could be the biggest cause of disagreement between employers and unions.

The comments, by John Cridland, human resources director of the CBI, came after Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, delivered an impassioned call for full union rights. Dr Carey told the Congress: "I believe that, in broad terms, employers have a moral responsibility to recognise the chosen representatives of their employees; and that it is unjust when people suffer victimisation on grounds of their membership of an independent union or participation in its legitimate activities."

Mr Cridland said the statutory right to recognition would be the main problem that had to be tackled by businesses and employees in establishing partnerships. He told a fringe meeting at the TUC: "This issue more than the minimum wage, more than the social chapter may lead to conflict rather than partnership."

Mr Cridland's warning — given on the day before Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, arrives at the TUC — touches on the gap between the two sides which could derail the atmoshpere of co-operative that has existed in the run-up to the Government's White Paper on fairness at work.

The CBI's concerns over recognition centre around the definition of what is a workplace bargaining centre, the threshold of support for union representation and collective bargaining. Mr Cridland's comments are critical as he is in charge of negotiations with the TUC over employment rights and is a member of the low pay commission.

The warning from the employers organisation will be seen as clear evidence that the idea of partnership between business and employees, which the Government has been at pains to set as the cornerstone of industrial relations, may be difficult to achieve in reality.

Yesterday it provided a stark contrast with the radical speech by the Archbishop of Canterbury who made a case for recognition. He told Congress that the rules of the marketplace should not be allowed to reign supreme. In a speech that received a warmer reception from delegates than that of Tony Blair, he said: "Market must be bent to serve moral and human ends; they are not sufficient ends in themselves. Humane working conditions, social justice, an inclusive and cohesive society, responsible stewardship of the environment and natural resources; these cannot be regarded as secord-order concerns, contingent on the iron laws of economics which are seen as primary."

Quoting the Catholic bishops' conference book Dr Carey said: "Workers have rights which ... include the right to decent work, to just wages, to security of employment, to adequate rest and holidays, to limitation of hours of work, to health and safety protection, to non-discrimination, to form and join trade unions, and, as a last resort, to go on strike."

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Unison in call for Welfare to Work expansion

JOBS FOR EVERYONE

THE Government was urged to make full employment a priority as the Trades Union Congress said that more needs to be done to tackle unemployment (Christine Buckley writes).

Rodney Bickerstaff, general secretary of Unison, said: "One in five households in Britain is workless. This scale of social exclusion is simply not seen in most European countries."

While Mr Bickerstaff and a number of delegates told Congress that the Government's Welfare to Work programme was welcome they said it must be monitored to make sure it delivered a lasting reduction in unemployment.

Mr Bickerstaff also said that more should be done to help older workers who are excluded from the Government's move to take 250,000 young people off the dole. He said: "We still have a massive problem of long-term unemployment among older workers. We need to extend the programme to this group and to all those outside the active labour market who would like to work."

He also gave warning of sterling's impact on jobs and said that the Bank of England is in danger of "policy overkill" with its actions on interest rates.

He said: "The strong pound is still putting our exporters under more and more pressure. Far from the Bank being too soft on interest rates, our worry is that the strong pound and higher interest rates will produce a faster slowdown next year than either the Bank or the Treasury expects."

Among the demands put to the Government by the TUC are:

☐ Positive government intervention in matters such as fiscal policy, public spending and demand management, with the objective of full employment.
☐ Investment in manufacturing to make it capable of delivering sustained growth.
☐ Effective regulation to ensure companies covered by the windfall tax do not try to offset it by reducing employment levels still further.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Spring Ram runs at a profit again

SPRING RAM, the troubled kitchens and bathrooms company, has recorded an operating profit for the first time in two and a half years. It made £100,000 in the six months to 28 June, against a loss of £7.1 million in the corresponding period last year. After interest charges, there was a pre-tax loss of £1.4 million, against a loss of £17.8 million. The loss per share was 0.3p, down from 4.5p. There is no dividend.

The bathrooms side saw its profits rise and there was a reduced loss from the kitchens operation and on the furniture side, which Spring Ram has been trying to sell. Roger Regan, chairman, said that no acceptable offers had been made for the furniture business, so it was likely that the company would retain it in the medium term. He hoped that the kitchens side would break into profit in the second of the year, and "if not then, next year". The shares stayed at 10½p.

Croda suffers £11m dent

CRODA INTERNATIONAL, the chemicals group, said the pound's continued strength now looks likely to dent full-year profits by £11 million, up from the previous estimate of £7 million. The company was reporting first-half profits little changed at £22.6 million (£22.5 million). Keith Hopkins, chief executive, said lower raw material prices, were not significant enough to counter the adverse currency effects. Earnings were unchanged at 11.5p and the interim dividend rises to 3.55p a share from 3.45p.

Acquisitions help Aegis

AEGIS, the media buying and planning group, lifted first-half pre-tax profits 12 per cent to £21 million, with contributions from acquisitions helping to offset adverse currency effects. On a like-for-like basis, profits were up 19 per cent. Earnings rose 14 per cent to 1.6p a share and the interim dividend is up 20 per cent to 0.3p (0.25p). The company said its aim was further development in America, followed by Asia. Aegis is close to concluding a small acquisition in Malaysia.

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Laura Ashley factory sold

LAURA ASHLEY, the troubled fashion retailer, has sold one of the Welsh factories that was threatened with closure, averting the loss of 60 jobs. The buyer of the factory at Machynlleth in Dyfed is Merchants Design and Manufacturing, based at Port Talbot, West Glamorgan. Its clients include Harrods, House of Fraser and Austin Reed. Laura Ashley's garment-making factories at Machynlleth and at Caernarfon in Gwynedd were put up for sale or closure last month in a bid to revive the company's ailing fortunes.

Warning hits La Senza

SHARES in La Senza plunged 40 per cent yesterday after the AIM-quoted lingerie retailer issued a profits warning and said that it is suspending its store opening programme. The shares, which came to the market last year at 150p, fell 26½p to 38½p. Half-year losses have grown to £2.9 million, from £1.6 million, even though like-for-like sales rose 3 per cent and turnover grew 68 per cent to £10.3 million. The deeper loss was blamed on planning and buying difficulties that led to heavy discounting. There is again no interim dividend.

Harrisons sharply down

HARRISONS & CROSFIELD, the animal feed to builder's merchant group, will next month announce the result of its strategic review, launched in March. The company, under its newly appointed chairman, Jonathan Fry, is thought to be considering a three-way break-up to reverse its declining share price. Yesterday it reported sharply lower pre-tax profits of £38.6 million (£64 million) in the six months to June 30. Earnings per share were 3.9p (5.5p). The interim dividend stays at 3.6p.

London lifts Royalblue

ROYALBLUE, the supplier of electronic dealing systems and software for customer help-desks, announced profits of £1.21 million for the first half of 1997, up 20 per cent on the same period in 1996, before exceptional flotation costs of £1 million. Turnover rose 65 per cent to £8.9 million, mainly from the UK, where demand for dealing systems has boomed because of the move to order-driven trading in London. An interim dividend of 0.75p will be paid on October 20.

Care First's tough time

CARE FIRST, the nursing home group formed by a merger of the Takare and Cavendish healthcare groups, said yesterday that market conditions "remain tough" and that some of its homes still have fairly high vacancy rates. They should reach full occupancy by the end of next year. Pre-tax profits in the half year to June 30 were £7.97 million, down from £8.66 million, on turnover up by 47 per cent to £87.9 million. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to 1.55p. The shares fell 3p to 106p.

Government to look at options

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

PENSIONS

THE Government is to examine ways of reducing the number of people who do not join occupational pension schemes. But ministers publicly rejected calls to restore the right of employers to make membership of occupational schemes compulsory.

John Denham, Social Security Under Secretary of State, told delegates that the Government would consider a range of options aimed at ensuring the fullest possible take-up of occupational pensions.

Addressing a fringe meeting he said: "Those who don't join are not only passing up the opportunity to save for their own future. They are also passing up the opportunity to benefit from their employer's contribution to the scheme.

"Generally an occupational pension scheme should, in the long term, provide a better value pension than if an individual opted for a personal pension, or remained in Serps."

Mr Denham said he hoped the review would help to encourage ways of ensuring that people did not miss out on the benefits of occupational pensions. Options to considered include:

☐ Setting out clearer requirements on declarations individual employees must make before they opt out of occupational schemes to ensure that those doing so are fully aware of what they are giving up.
☐ A default clause that would automatically make employees members of occupational schemes when they became eligible to join, although they would still be able to opt out.

Mr Denham said the Government wanted to lay the foundations of a workable system that would endure well into the millennium.

Tobacco fears to be aired

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

A CAMPAIGN to thwart the Government's attempts to stop people smoking is being launched at a TUC fringe meeting tonight by members of four unions. They fear that 68,000 jobs could be lost.

The "jobs going up in smoke" campaign is backed by the Tobacco Workers Alliance, which is supported by the Transport and General Workers, MSF (Manufacturing Science Finance), the GMB and the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union.

The alliance believes that "policies of high taxation are simply fuelling a boom in smuggled tobacco, transferring manufacturing jobs from the UK to Europe and threatening the livelihood of the local newsagent."

TUC finds favour across the board as mood alters

By James Landale

POLITICIANS

AFTER 18 years in the wilderness, the TUC has finally come in from the cold.

Politicians, business leaders and even the Archbishop of Canterbury have this week headed for Brighton to a Congress that for much of the last decade has been nothing more than a sideshow before the main party conferences.

But in the wake of Labour's victory, trade union leaders have seen a new-found interest in their activities from across the political spectrum. After keeping their distance from the TUC for several years, Government ministers have flocked down to the coast.

With the Prime Minister yesterday — the first to address the TUC since James (now Lord) Callaghan in 1978 — were five Cabinet ministers: Margaret Beckett, David Blunkett, Gavin Strang, Harriet Harman and Clare Short. Today Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, flies in from Hamburg to give the fraternal address. Yesterday George Carey became the first Archbishop of Canterbury to speak at the TUC. Also visiting today is Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, who will join John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, and Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, on an unprecedented joint visit to a factory. Five years ago such an event would not have occurred.

Short: attending Congress

Over the past two weeks, even William Hague, the Tory leader, and Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, have felt the need to meet John Monks. At the Congress itself, the normally modest collection of exhibitors has burgeoned into a larger gathering. The Liberal Democrats are there for the first time as are several banks and businesses.

Tony Dubbins, the outgoing president of the TUC, said: "The debates are not so arcane as they used to be."

Tony Blair yesterday even felt able to joke about the change. "Not only did Arthur Scargill forget to move his amendment but the most radical speech of the week was from the Archbishop of Canterbury."

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.11	Malta	0.686	0.607
Austria Sch	21.25	19.59	Netherlds Gld	3.432	3.137
Belgium Fr	62.60	57.64	New Zealand $	2.66	2.42
Canada $	2.327	2.139	Norway Kr	12.48	11.54
Cyprus Cyp£	0.892	0.821	Portugal Esc	304.53	282.50
Denmark Kr	11.55	10.66	S Africa Rd	8.19	7.23
Finland Mkk	9.16	8.41	Spain Pta	254.29	235.50
France Fr	10.14	9.36	Sweden Kr	13.20	12.10
Germany Dm	3.04	2.80	Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.29
Greece Dr	478	439	Turkey Lira	279917	260039
Hong Kong $	13.15	11.95	USA $	1.697	1.554
Iceland	128	108			
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.03			
Israel Shk	5.90	5.25			
Italy Lira	2981	2744			
Japan Yen	204.13	186.60			

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank. Different rates for traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Equity members cast as speech coaches

GILL ALLEN

Kate Williams, left, of Equity, the actors' union, coaching Denise Hardy in preparation for her speech to the TUC

By James Landale, political reporter

TUC delegates, whose oratorical skills occasionally depend more on volume than eloquence, are being offered the chance to learn the art of speechmaking. Members of Equity, the actors' union, are giving speech lessons to fellow delegates.

Having learnt much of their public speaking on the picket line, many delegates bellow into the microphone. Others, less used to delivering speeches, rush through prepared texts, hardly daring to raise their eyes above the podium.

The speech lessons are the idea of Miriam Karlin, a member of Equity's executive and best known for her role as the militant shop steward "Paddy" in the 1960s television comedy *The Rag Trade*. Frustrated by poor public speaking at the TUC, she approached John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, and secured his agreement for Equity members to pass on some of their skills to other delegates.

Kate Williams, who appeared in the television sitcom *May to December*, yesterday took her first workshop. "Lots of the speakers are very good, they know what they want to say and they are quite passionate, but what they are not so good at is communicating their passion," she said. "Often they speak too quickly or keep their heads down."

ACTING CLASSES

Union delegates are encouraged to cut the jargon and speak clearly. They are also being taught how best to use their body language, keeping their heads up and making eye contact with their audience. Under TUC rules, delegates have only three minutes to make their point and they often try to say too much too quickly.

After a slow start, business swiftly picked up yesterday and many delegates came to get some advice. Denise Hardy, president of the Society of Radiographers, who is due to speak today, said: "I have learnt a huge amount about body language and what that says to an audience, things that I was never really aware of before. I am sure that will make me more confident when I get up and deliver my speech."

DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS
UNITED KINGDOM CURRENCY EQUIVALENTS

In accordance with the standard conditions relating to the payment of the dividends declared on 14 August 1997, payments from the office of the United Kingdom Registrar will be made in United Kingdom currency at the rate of exchange of R7.4280 South African currency to £1 United Kingdom currency, this being the first available rate of exchange for remittances between the Republic of South Africa and the United Kingdom on 8 September 1997, as advised by the companies' South African bankers.

The United Kingdom currency equivalents of the dividends are therefore as follows:

Name of Company (All companies are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)	Dividend No.	Amount per share (pence)
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George and the Treasury dragons

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Just four months ago the Governor of the Bank of England admitted that the behaviour of the new Government had prompted him to contemplate resignation. Reports on the state of relations between the Bank and the Treasury indicate that the thought may have crossed his mind more than once since then.

The gulf between Eddie George and Chancellor Gordon Brown and his team is now so wide that it would have even the worthy counsellors from Relate wondering whether there was any chance of salvaging the relationship. Yesterday's assurances from both sides that there is no rift were as convincing as the public professions of undying commitment to a relationship that traditionally precedes politicians' divorce proceedings.

Like so many partnerships, this one suffers from both sides wanting to do things their own way. Gordon Brown clearly has the advantage here, as he demonstrated within days of taking office, forcing a battery of drastic changes upon the Bank. Mr George has indicated that his blueprint for the ideal Bank of England would not be one stripped of quite so much of its powers, although there is some compensation in having gained control of interest rates, after years of having his advice on the subject scathingly ignored by Kenneth Clarke. But the differences between the two are not just on policy, but on style. Mr Brown has implemented a new regime at the Treasury that is very different from the one that went before. The changes have, inevitably, upset some old hands there as much as they have unset the established team at the Bank.

Yesterday, from his Brighton pulpit, Mr Brown's boss, Tony Blair, made much of the need for modernising of British institutions. "Modernity is our spirit as it is the spirit of an age, the desire to build a new Britain free from the old prejudices," he intoned. This is the message that he shared with the Queen over lunch at Balmoral; yesterday, it went to the trades unions.

In both cases, however, Mr Blair has talked of the desirability for progress to be made in a spirit of partnership. In both the Bank, and parts of the Treasury, that spirit seems to be lacking. Over the summer, hostility between the Bank and the Treasury apparently reached screaming pitch as the Bank proved unable to help in the drafting of the arrangements that would remove responsibility for managing the national debt from the Bank to the Treasury. Hardly surprising, then, that some members of Mr Brown's staff are no more enamoured of Mr George now than they were when they moved into office and rapidly indicated their enthusiasm for his prompt departure.

But the City did not approve then and would not approve now of any ousting of the Governor.

A risky business

Investing in frilly lingerie is a risky business, whether as an optimistic purchaser of Christmas gifts or as a buyer of shares. The story of La Senza is enough to drive one straight back to the safety and respectability of Marks & Spencer.

This bald statement from the company sums up a sorry chapter of City selling at its worst. "In all the circumstances, the illustrative projections set out in the company's prospectus dated 1st May 1996 should be disregarded."

You may wonder what has happened in the intervening months to render as nought the exciting prospects that faced this retail chain. We are asked to believe that the main problem has been that property rents have risen, so putting a brake on the company's ambitious expansion plans. This had the unfortunate knock-on effect of leaving La Senza overstocked with all the undies that had been purchased in advance for the new stores that it expected to open.

Investors, who have seen shares that they bought at 150p now slump to just 38.5p, may not feel sympathetic to such a pathetic excuse. Retail rents have indeed gone up since La Senza's directors talked of their plans to open more shops, but the reason that they have risen is because there have been more customers on the high street. If La Senza had been doing its job properly, it would have been able to take the shops and sell its wares.

But the information that was missing from the prospectus when broker Williams de Broe floated the company was that it was still in its infancy in this country, and was barely able to walk into town, let alone race across Britain.

The investment in infrastructure and systems that is at the heart of modern retail success stories was not in evidence at this British version of a concept that is already proven as a winner with Canadian shoppers. The idea may have been right, but the execution was sadly lacking.

Now, we are told, the board is being strengthened and La Senza is still aiming to make itself a national brand. Yesterday's dismal figures and appalling excuses should not encourage investors to see this as anything more than wishful thinking. The chaps at Williams de Broe may not have noticed, but the fact is that M&S has become remarkably adventurous in its lingerie department, and it knows how to run a retail business.

Ford adds up the sum of the parts

Development of a global car market is accelerating changes in the components industry so fast that even motor manufacturers are having to reform their Cinderella in-house operations to cope. If vertically integrated groups are to impose on themselves the much higher design and quality standards that they now require from outside suppliers, they must test them against the competition. The only way to do that is to compete harder for other carmakers' business.

Ford, which is to transform its boring old Automotive Products Operations into dynamic new Visteon, follows General Motors, which spawned dynamic new Delphi Automotive Systems three years ago. But there was silence amid the logo-hype at Frankfurt on whether this might hasten rationalisation of Visteon's 74 plants or whole lumps of the business.

This owes much to GM's frustration. The world's number one component maker has found that powerful US unions want nothing of closures, let alone downgrading pay or conditions to the level of smaller suppliers.

Britain's top components groups, forcibly upgraded by the demands of Japanese carmakers, should benefit from more open competition. Traditional niche suppliers are cast as victims of the trend to component systems. Any cuts in loss-making in-house capacity will give them hope too.

Less by stealth

IF Lonrho did not want to merge with JCI, why is it giving it £225 million in cash for Tavistock coal? JCI is sure to use the cash to fund the purchase of its option over 27 per cent of Lonrho and has not hidden the fact that it will then use the stake to force merger talks back on the agenda. Rather than allow JCI to swallow Lonrho by stealth, the board would serve shareholders better by persuading JCI to table a real offer and put them out of their misery.

Queens Moat Houses moves back into black

By Dominic Walsh

QUEENS MOAT HOUSES, which almost collapsed in 1992 after a £922 million asset writedown, returned to the black in the first half with a pre-tax profit of £5.2 million before exceptionals, against a loss of £3.1 million.

The company has reduced net debts from £933.1 million at the year-end to £818.5 million. In February, the 25-strong County Hotels chain was sold to Hambros European Ventures for £91.5 million.

Debt repayments are ahead of schedule at present. However, in 1999, the company must pay back £50 million. In 2000, the figure rises to £165 million, added to which it will have to start paying hefty interest on its junior debt.

Analysts believe that further refinancing is inevitable. This would probably involve a "giant rights issue", possibly when QMH reports its full-year results.

The company declined to comment on the timing of any refinancing, although Andrew Le Poidevin, finance director, said: "Our basic choice will be to make a biggish disposal or introduce some equity on to the balance sheet."

The UK disposal programme is virtually complete, but QMH continues to reduce its continental portfolio. Of its 34 German hotels, it expects to retain no more than 20 and disposals are likely in France and Belgium.

Trading improved across the group's 120 hotels, although the strength of sterling restricted trading profit from continuing operations to a 6 per cent rise, to £48.7 million.

In the UK, where it has 51 hotels, trading profits rose 16 per cent. Average occupancy rose from 68.3 to 69.6 per cent, while the achieved room rate was up 8.3 per cent at £51.96. Operating profits grew 29 per cent to £18.5 million.

Andrew Coppel, chief executive, said: "With good underlying trading profits, these results show we are maintaining the momentum achieved last year." Again, there is no dividend.

Burford's founder steps down to start all over again

By Jason Nissé

NICK LESLAU, who founded Burford 15 years ago, is standing down as chief executive of the property company, just a week after merger talks with MEPC were called off.

The move, which caused Burford shares to fall 4p to 104p, came after the market value fell below the company's net asset value for the first time in nearly a decade, reflecting the collapse in the market's view of the high flying stock this year. The share price rose eightfold between 1990 and the start of this year but has since fallen a third.

Mr Leslau, 37, who dropped out of Warwick University because he was bored, said he did not want to remain managing a large property company in which he has only a 2 per cent stake. He plans to return to the market rapidly with a deal to inject some property assets into a quoted shell company, rather like the manner in which Burford floated in 1986.

"Its not a question of money, its a question of challenge," Mr Leslau said yesterday. "This company has become too big for me. I want to do it all again, but with a bigger piece of the action."

Mr Leslau will remain as non-executive deputy chairman of Burford, with John Anderson, who joined last year from Ladbroke, taking over as chief executive. Nigel Wray, the other half of the duo behind Burford, will remain as chairman. Mr Leslau said he expected Mr Wray to be involved in the new venture, at least as an investor.

Rentokil in £67m purchase

Rentokil Initial is buying the textile services operations of Compagnie Générale des Eaux for £67 million.

These include a 40 per cent stake in BTB, in which Rentokil already has a 57.8 per cent interest, and two other businesses, Ecolinge and Medilinge. There is also a 49 per cent stake in BTMF.

The businesses had 1996 turnover of £109 million and made pre-tax profits of £6.9 million.

Bryant ahead

Bryant, the housebuilder, lifted pre-tax profits 57 per cent rise to £38.6 million in the year to May 31 on turnover up 20 per cent to £558 million. An unchanged dividend of 5.05p is due on November 21.

Logica hiring

Logica, the computer services group, is to recruit 350 graduates to avoid potential problems in keeping staff. Full-year pre-tax profits rose to £28.1 million (£24.7 million). The dividend is 31p, up 21 per cent.

Cheaper deals

THE Stock Exchange is cutting its commission on share deals. Its fee will fall by 75 per cent in some cases from October 20.

Lonrho to buy JCI coalmine interests

By Dominic Walsh

LONRHO yesterday struck a deal with JCI, the South African group with which it was in merger talks earlier this year, to buy its coalmining interests, for Rand 1.7 billion (£225 million). (See commentary, this page).

The move is expected — not least by Tiny Rowland, the former chief executive of Lonrho — to provide JCI with the money to take its stake in Lonrho to 29.9 per cent.

JCI has an option to buy a 27 per cent stake in Lonrho now owned by Anglo American, the South Africa conglomerate. Buying the stake could force Lonrho to reopen merger talks with JCI, South Africa's first black-owned mining house. JCI's business, Tavistock Collieries, is thought to produce almost nine million tonnes of coal a year from its Tweefontein mines, the same region where Lonrho's mining operations are based.

Lonrho signed a memorandum of understanding to buy the business, but said it was reviewing its funding arrangements and envisaged completing the acquisition through its 61 per cent-owned Duiker Mining business.

Subject to due diligence, the deal is expected to be finalised by the end of this month, a Lonrho spokesman said.

BBA ready to spend £200m on expansion

By Adam Jones

BBA, the engineering conglomerate, is ready to spend up to £200 million on acquisitions to expand its core businesses. However, the company said it was confident it could grow organically.

BBA reported pre-tax profits up 11 per cent to £80.2 million in the six months to June 30, in spite of a £4 million hit from currency movement.

BBA agreed to buy Becorit, a German maker of railway brake pads, for £28 milion last month. Roberto Quarta, chief executive, said that a decision on whether to sell the specialist electrical division, seen by some as a drag on growth, would be taken by the end of the year.

An interim dividend of 2.4p (2.1p) will be paid on November 14 as a foreign income dividend.

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CHANGING TIMES

Provision of £25m made by Charter

CHARTER, the engineering group that took over Howden in April, has taken a £25 million provision to rationalise the industrial fans business (Carl Mortished writes).

Jeffrey Herbert, chairman, said that Howden plants in North America, continental Europe and Asia would be closed in an effort to improve Howden's margins. Underlying profits in Charter's welding and rail track business grew 12 per cent at constant rates of exchange but the strength of sterling kept pre-tax profits flat, at £51.5 million. Charter is paying an interim dividend of 9.5p per share, up 6 per cent.

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STOCK MARKET

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Pharmaceuticals on run as Biocompatibles dives

Barbara Richmond, finance director of Croda where the shares fell 5¼p to 358p, left, with Keith Hopkins

THE phenomenal run of **Biocompatibles International** ended yesterday as the drugs firm lost its title of the second-best performing stock in the UK with one of the most spectacular one-day falls seen in the City for months. The shares fell 415p to 732½p, a drop of 36 per cent.

Although dealers said the company's problems with an American deal says little about the industry as a whole, the speed of its share price collapse sent shivers through the pharmaceutical sector as shares in 18 drugs companies finished lower.

The retreat was led by **Glaxo Wellcome**, which fell 33p to £12.85, as it said that plans to sell its Beconase drug over the counter had hit problems.

Zeneca, which had begun to recover after recovering from its fall from £22.65, eased another 10p to £19.23½. **Chiroscience** also lost some of its recent gains, falling 10p to 287½p, while **Oxford Molecular** was 7½p softer at 297½p.

Dealers said the sector is still recovering from the run of interim reports where almost all drugs companies showed pressure on margins.

The sector had been beginning to catch up on the FTSE 100's strong summer run. The better-than-expected inflation figures were ignored by the City, as the FTSE 100 slipped 34.7 points to 4,950.5 in another quiet day.

Trading was thin, leaving greater leverage than normal to the few rumours circulating around dealing rooms.

Shares in **EMI** opened some 6p cheaper as Seagram refused to comment on reports that it may mount a takeover bid for the music company. However, some dealers remained suspicious that neither side would issue a flat denial and the shares ended the day up 1p at 577p.

Cadbury Schweppes fell 6p to 593½p on US reports that it is on the point of relaunching 7-Up in the US. Concerns have already been raised about its enthusiasm to pour millions into a marketing campaign, and detailed reports have been circulating in Wall Street suggesting an annoucement could be due by the end of the month.

Marks & Spencer was hard hit by the latest survey from the British Retail Consortium that provided further evidence that consumer spending is tailing off. Its shares dropped 15½p to 593p, dragging shares of **Dixons**, down 5½p to 633p, **Next**, from 789½p to 776p, and **Great Universal Stores**, 3½p to 659½p.

Argos bucked the trend, with shares strengthening 28p to 644½p on the back on institutional presentations.

The financial sector shrugged off early pressure levied on mortgage lenders, which emerged in early trading in further response to figures showing that houses sells moved up in value but not in volume.

Abbey National lost 8½p, closing at 862½p, while **Barclays** finished 11p easier at £14.51.

The new constituents of the FTSE 100 will be decided at a steering committee meeting today. **Mercury Asset Management** found itself a favourite for relegation, with the shares easing 19p to £12.50.

Hanson, the former conglomerate that narrowly avoided joining the FTSE 250 sector last time, also found its shares marked 5½p lower at 311½p.

The September results season lifted a few smaller companies higher. **Adscene**, a publisher of local newspapers and leaflets, gained 10p to 119½p after returning £4.8 million (£5.05 million) for the year.

Powderject, the needleless drugs administering company whose shares joined the market at 197p in June, has sealed a £9.4 million deal with a German distributor which will help to develop its technology. Its shares gained 5p to 197½p.

Croda International, where Keith Hopkins is chief executive, returned flat interim profit of £22.6 million (£22.5 million). Concern about second-half trading saw its shares drop 5½p to 358p.

Among the blue chips, **Reuters** proved the strongest performer in the FTSE 100, gaining 19½p to 667p after UBS reiterated its positive stance on the company.

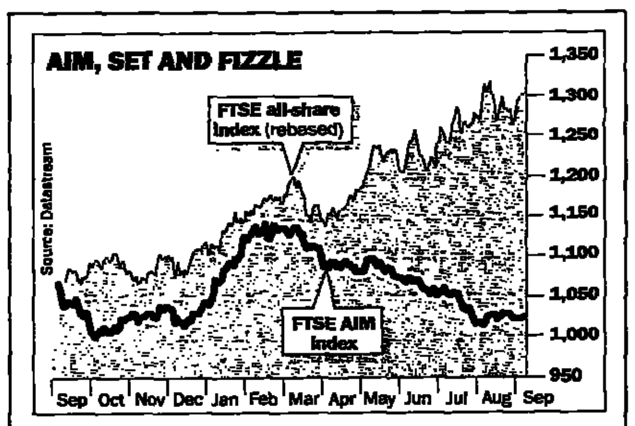
On the Alternative Investment Market, **Celtic** advanced by another £5 to £315 in delayed reaction to its decision to quit the Scottish Football Association with **Heart of Midlothian**, its quoted rival, was steady at 108½p.

La Senza, the troubled lingerie specialist whose shares have already fallen from their 150p flotation price to 64p, lost a further 26½p to close at a new low of 38½p. It has decided to drop its store opening programme — which it built its expansion hopes on — after its pre-tax losses deepened to £2.9 million.

IS Solutions joined AIM yesterday, and was awarded a premium of 1½p to its 135p flotation price.

GILT-EDGED: The inflation data was also ignored by bonds dealers, as prices closed slightly weaker. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 fell $\frac{1}{16}$ to 102$\frac{15}{16}$. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 dropped $\frac{1}{8}$ to 110$\frac{25}{32}$.

NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average, down 1.16 points to 7,834.02, lacked clear direction at midday, while other indexes drifted to record highs.



A FEW months past its second anniversary, the Alternative Investment Market has distinguished itself by being the only sector to have declined in value over the past 12 months of London's bull equity run.

The FTSE AIM index, which started at 1,000 in January 1996, has fallen 4.7 per cent since last September, while the FTSE all-share 100 is up 22 per cent.

A high-risk, high-reward exchange, AIM has never promised anyone a safe investment. It has its stars: Arion Properties has become the best performing UK equity over the past 12 months, with shares soaring 288 per cent to 29p.

But its losers are among the worst performers. Active Imaging, has lost 92 per cent in value, Club partners 88 per cent and Creos International 80 per cent.

The FTSE AIM index is dictated by the performance of the few giants on the junior exchange. Critics say it cannot be used to judge a market where size is not supposed to matter. Still, of the 184 companies listed for the past 12 months, only 44 per cent have seen their shares rise.

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New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7834.02 (-1.16)
S&P Composite	931.78 (+0.58)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18695.97 (+62.11)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	14996.66 (+190.17)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	895.17 (-10.03)
Sydney:	
AO	2674.5 (+18.3)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	4094.39 (+26.38)
Singapore:	
Straits	1919.88 (+27.95)
Brussels:	
General	13678.86 (-99.32)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2919.72 (-21.17)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1151.70 (-12.20)
London:	
FT 30	3166.5 (-16.0)
FTSE 100	4950.5 (-34.7)
FTSE 250	4677.0 (-9.1)
FTSE 350	2386.9 (-14.4)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2619.07 (+1.87)
FTSE All-Share	2333.11 (-13.07)
FTSE Non Financials	2355.49 (-1.33)
FTSE Fixed Interest	125.58 (-0.24)
FTSE Govt Secs	97.34 (-0.12)
Bargains	40267
SEAQ Volume	704.6m
US$	1.5895 (+0.0072)
German Mark	2.8791 (+0.0145)
Exchange Index	100.4 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
E:ECU	1.4621
E:SDR	1.1688
RPI	158.5 Aug (3.5%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	157.1 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Antofagasta Cv Uts	397½	...
Bristol & West Prf	109¼	...
Cammell Laird	136½	...
EMI B	115	...
GR Holdings	52½	...
Galen Holdings	248½	+ 8½
Helicon Pubsig	92½	...
I S Solutions	135½	...
Kingfisher Leisure	175½	...
Reabourne Merlin	108	...
SBS Group	110½	...
Severn Trent B	37½	...
Stentor Warrants	46½	...
Style Holdings	85	...
Thorn B	20½	...
Viglen Technology	63	+ 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dixon Mtrs n/p (235)	36	...
Golden Land n/p (21)	2	...
Logica n/p (605)	162½	...
Misys Ut Cn n/p	172½	+ 30
Pendragon n/p (265)	4	- 3
SEET n/p (30)	1½	- 1

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RISES:	
Yorks Gp	202½p (+11p)
Argos	644½p (+28p)
Colt Telecom	451½p (+18p)
Regent Inns	326½p (+11p)
Cohen (A)	315p (+10p)
Reuters	667p (+19½p)
Shield Diag	607½p (+15p)
Stand Chart	809p (+11½p)
TI	608p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Clyde Blowers	290p (-20p)
Hall Eng	217½p (-10p)
Bulmer (HP)	402½p (-14p)
Chiroscience	287½p (-10p)
Henlys	400p (-12½p)
Marks Spencer	593p (-15½p)
Ranger	586p (-10½p)
Br Petroleum	901½p (-14p)
Weir	270p (-8½p)
Next	776p (-13½p)
Gen Accident	940½p (-16p)
Nat West	812½p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Burnt-out case

NOTHING more discredits the business of RJB Mining than the sound of its chief executive, the once buccaneering "King of Coal", pleading for a subsidy from the taxpayer. For that is what the clean coal technology levy would amount to. If the purpose of privatising the gas and electricity industries was to raise cash, its ideological justification was to increase competition and reduce energy prices. Both have been achieved in large measure and there is every reason to believe that gas prices will continue to fall, causing more anguish to RJB Mining's domestic coal business. The huge gas reserves in Siberia could be piped to Britain through the interconnector by the end of the century, supplementing ample supplies of North Sea gas and gas from Algeria. A European spot market could quickly develop, reducing dependence on expensive long-term contracts.

RJB Mining's immediate problem is not the cheapness of gas, but of foreign coal which can be imported at 110p per gigajoule compared with a price of 142p on RJB's existing contracts. These contracts will be renegotiated but the generators who have cleverly stockpiled coal are keeping Mr Budge waiting.

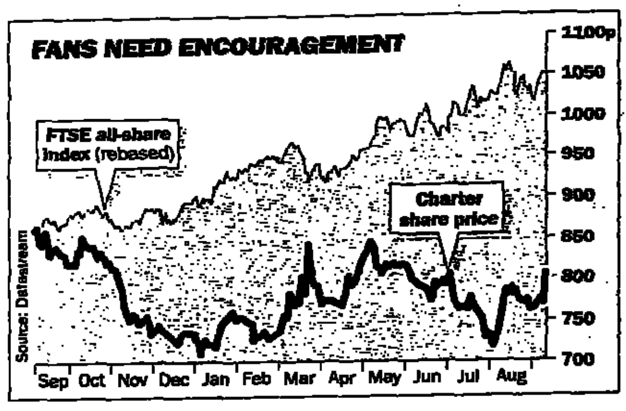
The generators have no reason to see RJB Mining fail. Coal is still an efficient fuel (at the right price) because, unlike gas, it can be stored easily. This allows power stations to accommodate big swings in demand without paying penalties to gas suppliers. So, the generators will throw a carrot to Mr Budge, enough to keep a domestic industry going but a smaller and less profitable one. Doubtless, someone will buy shares in such a captive industry but there is no reason for you to do so.

Charter

IF CHARTER'S experience is anything to go by, investors do not care a jot about sectors when they value shares. The company's transition from conglomerate to engineering company did little for the company's rating but the beginnings of a revival can now be detected.

Charter's strategy is disarmingly simple: buy underperforming businesses with leading market shares and improve the returns. The key to success is to buy well and Charter did just that with ESAB, the welding equipment business, where the operating margin has grown from 4 to 12 per cent, while at the same time showing steady sales growth.

The question is whether Charter can repeat the trick with Howden. The industrial fan-maker had a shaky history, in part because of its volatile tunnelling equipment business. This is to be sold, and Charter will do well to get book value, but the real interest is in raising Howden's return on sales which at 4 to 6 per cent is almost half the margin earned by much smaller rivals. The risk is that Charter will find that Howden was cross-subsidising business to maintain client relationships but with a huge share of the market, Howden can afford to shed some low margin business as it rationalises plant. Even with such concerns there is no earthly reason why Charter shares should be so cheap, rated at a 30 per cent discount to the market.



BBA

EXPERTISE in friction technology was not enough to slow BBA as it crashed into Lucas last year. But the failed bid has set the engineering conglomerate on a better trajectory. Yesterday's interims show it can grow its own businesses as well as buy others. Underlying sales are up 6 per cent and would have done better but for capacity constraints in the non-woven fibres division.

BBA's strategy seems to be in tune with the demand for partly assembled components. This already happens with some of the nappy linings it supplies. There is no real demand for complete car brake systems, as opposed to brake pads, but a certain amount of pre-assembly has not been ruled out for its train friction materials.

Having spent £220 million on acquisitions in the past year BBA is still hungry for deals and would be happy with gearing of more than 100 per cent. The possible sale of BBA's specialist electrical division could raise £200 million, giving a war chest of £400 million. Given yesterday's share gains, it is a hold until the cash is in the bank.

Aegis

MEDIA buying used to be simple. In the old days, reaching your customers required no more from the advertiser than the purchase of a 30-second slot on Coronation Street. In recent years, the proliferation of different media has made the advertiser's job a nightmare. Event sponsorship, hoardings, commercial radio, the cinema and the Internet have all emerged as competitors to the traditional press and TV outlets. Next year, when hundreds of new digital TV channels are launched, the market will become even more fragmented.

The trend is working in favour of Aegis, Europe's largest independent media buyer. Stand-alone media buyers believe they are better equipped to research and develop media strategies because it is their sole job. The reaction from the industry confirms their approach. Big players, such as Martin Sorrell's WPP, are trying to merge media-buying activity across the group.

Aegis is also latching on to another trend: internationalisation. Companies such as Volkswagen and Procter and Gamble, want to launch global marketing campaigns. In an effort to cover even more territories, Aegis is making overseas acquisitions. Its Hong Kong company has become the base for a broader Asian operation.

The market has bought the Aegis story and the shares have responded accordingly: they seem almost fully valued. But any setback in the share price should be viewed as a buying opportunity.

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COCOA

Sep	1113-1105	Dec	1213 SLR
Dec	1142-1141	Mar	1232-1230
Mar	1162 BID	May	1235 BID
May	1177 SLR	Jul	1247 BID
Jul	1192-1191		
Sep	1205-1204		Volume: 3316

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1581-1570	May	1585 SLR
Nov	1593-1591	Jul	1575 SLR
Jan	1595-1590	Sep	1575 SLR
Mar	1585-1578		Volume: 2752

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	325.2-24.5
Spot: 328.5		Aug	324.5-22.5
Oct	322.2-21.9	Oct	320.0-18.0
Dec	323.0-22.8	Dec	320.0-17.0
Mar	326.0-25.7		Volume: 6543

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	82.34	114.17	100.11
(+/-)	+5.74	+0.56	-0.61
Eng/Wales:	82.59	114.45	99.92
(+/-)	+5.77	+0.76	-0.58
(%)	+2.0	-1.0	-8.0
Scotland:	75.80	113.13	101.79
(+/-)	+5.16	+0.76	-0.82
(%)	+1.0	-15.0	-9.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.10	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.35	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	18.50	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	19.45	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	19.65	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld ...	218 (n/c)	221 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	164 (n/c)	165 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	90 (n/c)	93 (n/c)
Naphtha	186 (n/c)	188 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	163.50-63.75	Dec	168.50-69.00
Oct	165.00-65.25	Jan	170.00-70.50
Nov	166.75-67.25		Vol: 16044

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	18.36-18.38	Jan	18.66-18.69
Nov	18.47-18.48	Feb	18.70 SLR
Dec	18.58 BID		Vol: 23909

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	87.35	Sep	80.00
Nov	88.35	Nov	82.40
Jan	90.35	Jan	84.40
Mar	92.35	Mar	86.30
May	94.35	May	87.65
	Volume: 562		Volume: 45

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.0
Mar	—	100.0
Apr	117.0	120.0
		Volume: 79

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Sep 60.75-61.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 97	1310	1300	1303
Oct 97	1437	1425	1436
Nov 97	unq	—	1450
Jan 98	—	—	1450
Vol: 163 lots		Open interest: 2875	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2131.0-2132.0	2146.0-2148.0	1029875
Lead ($/tonne)	648.00-649.00	658.00-659.00	254025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1663.0-1664.0	1483.0-1485.0	398325
Tin ($/tonne)	5495.0-5500.0	5529.0-5530.0	24370
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1587.0-1587.5	1607.0-1608.0	1372050
Nickel ($/tonne)	6545.0-6555.0	6660.0-6670.0	91638

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	460	22	34½	43	10½	26½	31
(*468)	500	6½	16½	26	35	50½	54½
ASDA	140	7½	12	15	3½	6	7½
(*143)	160	1	4	6½	17½	18½	19
Boots	800	33½	61	76½	17½	36	41½
(*810½)	850	13	38	52	46	61½	67½
Br Airways	650	27	50	64½	17½	33	37
(*656½)	700	8½	29½	42	48	61	65
BP	900	35	61	80½	27	43½	55
(*901)	950	15½	40	59½	56	71	82½
Br Steel	160	15	19	23½	2½	8½	9
(*172)	180	4	9	13½	11½	18½	19
C & W	500	56	74½	86	4½	16½	19½
(*549)	550	22½	45½	57½	20	35½	40
CU	750	34½	67	77	30	53½	61
(*750)	800	19½	45½	55½	60½	81½	90
ICI	1000	44	83	93½	27½	50½	62½
(*1009½)	1050	22½	59	72½	55½	76½	89
Land Sec	850	55	74½	92	6½	16½	22
(*894½)	900	22	44	62	25	35½	42½
M & S	550	49½	63½	77½	4	13	19
(*593)	600	17	34	47½	20½	32½	40
Nat West	800	40	91½	94	27	52	66½
(*811)	850	18	60	73½	54½	78½	92½
Safeway plc	390	14½	26½	35½	9½	19	23½
(*393)	420	4	14	22	29	36½	40
Sainsbury	420	17	30	39½	11½	19½	23½
(*425½)	460	3½	13½	21½	37	42½	46½
Shell	433	17	32½	—	14	25	—
(*437½)	450	9½	24½	—	23½	33½	—
Smkl Bch	525	36	57	71	11½	22½	31
(*549)	550	21	44	58	22	33½	43
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	76½	147	188½	58½	94	110½
(*1921)	2000	38½	99½	140	112	145	163
Abby Nat	850	43	80½	95½	25½	50½	64
(*862½)	900	21½	56	71½	53½	76	90
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1450	63½	132½	155½	53	97½	117
(*1451)	1500	41½	107½	130½	81½	122	141½
Nat Pwr	550	30	47	58½	13	27½	29
(*565)	600	8½	25½	34½	41	54½	55½
BAA	550	22½	39½	52½	13½	24½	28
(*557)	600	4½	18	30	45½	53	56
Thames W.	750	55½	72	87	7½	20	25
(*794)	800	23½	46	59	24	41	46½
	Series	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
BAT Ind	500	40½	63	69½	10½	21	31½
(*527½)	550	15	37	44	33½	45	56½
Vodafone	300	24	34	41½	4	11½	14½
(*318)	330	7½	18½	25½	18	25½	28½
Glaxo Well	1250	66½	114	139½	30½	53½	75
(*1282½)	1300	39½	88	113	53½	77½	98
HSBC	2000	91½	189	238½	70	123½	165½
(*2019)	2100	49½	139	189	125	174½	216
Reuter	650	37½	62½	74½	12	27	39
(*668)	700	15½	38½	50	38½	53	64
Royal & Sun	500	31	52	60	12	23	34½
(*517)	550	9½	28½	36	39½	49½	61
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	550	47½	61½	73½	12	21½	27½
(*580)	600	20½	35½	48	35	46	52
Ladbroke	240	19½	26	31	8	10½	14½
(*251½)	260	10½	16½	21	18½	20	24
Utd Bisc	200	10	16½	18½	7	9	12
(*203½)	220	3	8	10	21	21½	24½
BTR	200	22	28	32	8½	11½	16½
(*216)	220	11½	18	22	18½	21½	22
Br Aero	1500	101	144	165	31½	48½	65
(*1556½)	1600	48½	90	111	79½	96	111½
Br Telcm	385	38½	45	—	10½	23	—
(*409)	425	17½	24	—	29	43	—
Cadbury	550	53½	68½	75½	8	14	21½
(*593½)	600	23	39½	47	26½	34½	43½
Guinness	550	33½	48½	52½	17½	26½	31
(*562½)	600	12	25½	29½	46½	54	58
GEC	390	23	33	42½	13	22	25½
(*396½)	420	10	19½	28½	30	37	41
Hanson	300	21	30½	36	9	13	19
(*312½)	330	7	16½	21½	25½	29½	34½
LASMO	260	18	26½	31	8	12½	15½
(*266½)	280	9	17	20½	17½	23	25½
LucasVarity	200	17½	22½	27½	5½	8½	10
(*210)	220	8	13	17½	15	18½	20
Pilkingtn	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(*146½)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prudential	600	53	74	88	18	28½	39
(*635½)	650	26½	48	62	41½	52	62½
Redland	280	22	29½	36	8½	14	19
(*292½)	300	11½	19½	26½	19	24	29½
R-Royce	220	19½	27	31	8	12	15
(*229)	240	10	17½	21	18½	22½	25½
Tesco	420	24	36	47	14½	19½	25½
(*428½)	460	8½	19½	29	38	42½	47½
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blue Circ	390	19½	31½	36½	19	21	27½
(*390)	420	8½	19	24	38½	39½	45
Kingfishr	750	44½	63	75	26	37	47
(*763)	800	24	40½	51½	54½	63½	71
	Series	**Jun**			**Jun**		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Dixons	600	34½	61½	76½	2	21	27½
(*632)	650	4½	34	50	23	43½	50½
EMI Group	548	31½	56	66	2½	19	24½
(*574½)	575	14½	42	53½	11	30½	37
Tarmac	120	5½	10	14	1	5	7
(*124)	130	1	5½	9½	6½	11	12½
Hillsdwn	160	4½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*162½)	180	0	—	—	17½	—	—
Lonrho	110	9½	15	17	0	2½	4½
(*119)	120	2½	9½	12	2½	6	9
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	300	12½	25	30½	1½	8	11½
(*311)	330	0½	10½	16	19½	23½	26½
Lloyds TSB	700	42	81½	99	4½	31	43
(*737½)	750	12	55	74	24	54½	66½
Scot Pwr	460	15	37½	43½	3½	18	22½
(*468)	500	1½	20	26½	32	40	43
Unilever	1700	93	159½	196½	5	46	61½
(*1788½)	1800	21	99	141½	31½	87	104

FTSE INDEX (*4948)

	4800	4850	4900	4950	5000	5050
Calls						
Sep	177	137	100½	70½	46	27½
Oct	246½	210	179	148	120	99
Nov	304½	271½	242½	213½	184½	160½
Dec	349	318½	287½	256½	229½	204½
Jun	515	—	453	—	392	—
Puts						
Sep	18	29	44	60½	96	130½
Oct	73½	87½	108½	131	156½	187
Nov	112½	130	151½	173½	196	223½
Dec	139	158	178	199½	222	249½
Jun	231½	—	270	—	312½	—

September 9, 1997 Tot: 22438 Call: 13200 Puts: 9238 FTSE Call: 3355 Puts: 953
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest 162336	Sep 97	115-21	115-21	115-03	115-15	995
	Dec 97	115-02	115-08	114-17	114-30	83237
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest 253406	Dec 97	101.56	101.76	101.47	101.71	140368
	Mar 98				100.81	0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest 102902	Dec 97	109.75	109.98	109.25	109.51	49750
	Mar 98				109.41	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 97	126.72	126.80	126.71	126.79	1806
	Mar 98	125.77	125.82	125.77	125.78	785
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.74	92.74	92.71	92.73	7893
	Dec 97	92.66	92.67	92.62	92.64	21650
Previous open interest 672957	Mar 98	92.65	92.67	92.60	92.63	18487
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest 1675787	Sep 97	96.71	96.72	96.71	96.72	23443
	Dec 97	96.49	96.52	96.49	96.51	34491
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest 391204	Sep 97	93.21	93.22	93.18	93.18	6928
	Dec 97	93.59	93.60	93.52	93.53	16506
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97				99.40	0
	Mar 98				99.35	0
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest 173067	Sep 97	98.45	98.49	98.43	98.48	5121
	Dec 97	98.12	98.20	98.10	98.18	11133
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest 41147	Sep 97	95.67	95.67	95.65	95.65	724
	Dec 97	95.58	95.59	95.57	95.58	996
FTSE 100 Previous open interest 77986	Sep 97	4977.0	4984.0	4920.0	4952.0	17586
	Dec 97	5039.0	5042.0	4984.0	5013.0	4626

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 7
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 7, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	7	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.55	n/a	5.61	5.74	5.95
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $321.10-321.60 Close: $321.60-322.10 High: $321.60-322.10
Low: $321.10-321.60 AM: $321.00 PM: $321.70

Krugerrand: $321.25-323.25 (£202.25-204.25)

Platinum: $149.00 (£263.68) Silver: $4.76 (£2.995) Palladium: $186.50 (£117.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2291-3.2455	3.2425-3.2455	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	59.160-59.530	59.418-59.519	21-16pr	56-49pr
Copenhagen	10.909-10.974	10.958-10.968	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0598-1.0674	1.0637-1.0661	12-6pr	28-22pr
Frankfurt	2.8657-2.8821	2.8789-2.8821	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	290.64-292.36	291.93-292.28	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	241.76-243.07	242.74-243.05	45-35pr	128-110pr
Milan	2791.6-2809.5	2806.5-2809.5	14pr-2ds	36-14pr
Montreal	2.1890-2.2021	2.1999-2.2021	0.71-0.66pr	1.38-1.30pr
New York	1.5840-1.5910	1.5900-1.5910	0.22-0.20pr	0.598-0.567pr
Oslo	11.792-11.857	11.842-11.857	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.6390-9.6940	9.6794-9.6871	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.306-12.405	12.389-12.405	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	188.52-189.48	189.25-189.48	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	20.170-20.281	20.257-20.281	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.3500-2.3623	2.3592-2.3623	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3683-1.3693
Austria	12.72-12.73
Belgium (Com)	37.31-37.35
Canada	1.3838-1.3843
Denmark	6.8830-6.8850
France	6.0810-6.0830
Germany	1.8076-1.8081
Hong Kong	7.7450-7.7460
Ireland	1.4928-1.4953
Italy	1764.30-1765.80
Japan	118.75-118.85
Malaysia	2.9030-2.9080
Netherlands	2.0367-2.0372
Norway	7.4371-7.4391
Portugal	183.47-183.57
Singapore	1.5010-1.5020
Spain	152.48-152.57
Sweden	7.7882-7.7957
Switzerland	1.4834-1.4844

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5883-1.5909
Australia dollar	2.1754-2.1797
Bahrain dinar	0.5910-0.6050
Brazil real*	1.7342-1.7386
China yuan	12.994-13.294
Cyprus pound	0.8365-0.8555
Finland markka	8.5175-8.6585
Greece drachma	444.5-455.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.3161-12.3254
India rupee	57.57-58.87
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4780-0.4890
Malaysia ringgit	4.6164-4.6272
New Zealand dollar	2.4948-2.4991
Pakistan rupee	62.65 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7075-5.8425
Singapore dollar	2.3863-2.3894
S Africa rand (com)	7.3640-7.5330
U A E dirham	5.7575-5.8935

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,600	Ladbroke	2,400
ASDA Gp	6,000	Land Secs	2,800
Abbey Ntl	2,800	Legal & Gn	2,400
Allnce & Leic	1,400	Lloyds TSB	8,300
Allied Dom	1,400	LucasVarity	6,800
AB Foods	1,300	Marks Spr	4,500
BAA	3,500	Mercury Ast	799
BAT Inds	6,000	NatWst Bk	2,800
BG	11,600	Nat Grid	3,200
BOC	1,400	Nat Power	1,500
BP	9,300	Next	816
BSkyB	1,900	Orange	1,100
BTR	9,000	P & O	3,300
BT	17,900	Pearson	1,100
Bk of Scot	3,400	PowerGen	1,200
Barclays	4,500	Prudential	2,900
Bass	1,900	RMC	325
Blue Circle	2,300	Railtrack	1,600
Boots	2,300	Rank Group	2,100
BAe	1,800	Reckitt Col	686
BA	3,300	Reed Intl	5,700
British Land	1,100	Rentokil	7,600
Brit Steel	3,500	Reuters	4,100
Burmah Cstl	504	Rio Tinto	1,700
Cable Wire	3,600	Rolls Royce	8,300
Cadbury	1,700	Royal & Sun	3,100
Carlton Cms	2,300	Royal Bk Sct	2,400
Centrica	12,300	Safeway	1,800
Cm Union	2,100	Sainsbury	6,400
Dixons	1,500	Schroders	245
EMI	1,600	Scot & New	2,000
Energy Gp	2,000	Scot Power	3,900
Enterpr Oil	765	Svrn Trent	1,900
GKN	1,100	Shell Trans	13,300
GRE	1,600	Siebe	1,900
GUS	3,100	SmKl Bch	9,800
Gen Acc	616	Smiths Inds	1,400
Gen Elec	6,700	Std Chartd	6,100
Glaxo Well	4,900	TI Gp	1,700
Granada	2,200	Tate & Lyle	3,500
Grand Met	3,200	Tesco	3,600
Guinness	3,500	Thames W	495
HSBC	5,000	Tomkins	3,300
Halifax	3,900	Unilever	1,700
Hanson	4,800	Utd Utilities	2,100
Hays	1,800	Utd News	766
ICI	1,700	Vodafone	7,300
Imp Tob	2,300	Whitbread	603
Kingfisher	1,900	Wolseley	2,800
LASMO	3,500	Zeneca	2,000

WALL STREET

	Sep 9 midday	Sep 8 close
AMP Inc	53¼	53
AMR Corp	109⅝	110⅛
AT & T	40⅝	40⅛
Abbott Labs	60⅝	60⅞
Advanced Micro	34	34
Aetna Life	101½	101⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	54½	54⅞
Air Prod & Chem	83½	83¼
AirTouch Comm	35½	35½
Albertson's	33¼	33⅞
Alcan Alumnm	35¼	35¼
Allied Signal	86½	86⅛
Alum Co of Am	82¼	82⅛
Amerada Hess	59⅛	59⅛
Amer El Power	44¼	44¼
Amer Express	80⅛	81¼
Amer Genl Corp	50⅝	51
Amer Home Pr	74⅛	74¼
Amer Intl	102⅛	102⅛
Amer Stores	24⅛	24¼
Amer Standard	42¼	42⅛
Ameritech	63⅛	63⅞
Amgen	49⅛	49¼
Amoco	96¼	96⅛
Andrew Corp	26½	26⅛
Anheuser-Busch	44⅛	44¼
Apple Computer	21½	21½
Archer Daniels	22¼	22⅞
Armco	6⅛	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	68⅛	68¼
Asarco	30⅛	30¼
Atl Richfield	80	80¼
Atmel Corp	37¼	37⅞
Auto Data Pro	46⅛	46⅞
Avery Dennison	39½	40
Avon Products	60½	60⅛
Baker Hughes	41⅛	41⅛
Baltim Gas & El	27⅛	27⅛
Banc One	55⅞	56¼
BankAmerica	73¼	73¼
Bank of NY	46¼	46⅞
Bankers Tr NY	109⅞	109⅞
Barnett Banks	65⅛	65⅞
Bausch & Lomb	41¼	41¼
Baxter Intl	54½	54¼
Becton Dicknsn	50⅛	50½
Bell Atlantic	77¼	76⅛
BellSouth	45	44⅞
Black & Decker	38⅛	38¼
Block (H&R)	39⅛	39⅛
Boeing	54¼	54⅛
Boise Cascade	38¼	38⅞
Boston Scien	63½	63⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	79⅛	78⅞
Browning Ferris	36⅞	36½
Brunswick	32⅛	32½
Burlington Nthn	93½	93¼
CMS Energy Corp	35½	35¼
CPC Intl	90⅛	90⅛
CSX	57½	58¼
Campbell Soup	51⅛	50⅛
Carolina Pwr	34½	34⅛
Case Corp	67¼	67⅛
Caterpillar	55¼	56¼
Central & SW	20¼	20⅛
Champion Intl	56½	57
Chase Manhat	115¼	115¼
Chevron Corp	80⅛	80⅛
Chrysler	37	36⅞
Chubb Corp	68	68⅛
Cigna Corp	195⅛	196⅛
Citicorp	131½	131¼
Clorox	66⅞	66½
Coastal Corp	58½	58⅞
Coca Cola	58⅞	59¼
Coca Cola Ent	28⅛	28½
Colgate-Palm	65⅛	65½
Columbia Gas	66⅛	65⅞
ColumbiaHCA	29⅛	32⅞
Compaq Comp	68⅞	68
Comp Ass Int	67½	67⅛
Conagra	67½	67
Cons Edison	32½	32½
Cons Nat Gas	58½	59
Cooper Inds	53¼	53⅛
Corestates	64½	64½
Corning Inc	53½	53½
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Crown Cork	50¼	50⅛
Dana Corp	47¼	47¼
Dayton Hudson	63¼	64
Deere	55⅛	56¼
Delta Air Lines	97¼	99¼
Deluxe Corp	32¼	32⅛
Digital Equip	44¼	44⅞
Dillard Dept St	42½	42½
Disney (Walt)	77¼	77¼
Dominion Res	36¼	36½
Donelley (RR)	39¼	39
Dover Corp	68¼	68¼
Dow Chemical	89⅛	88¼
Dow Jones	45	45⅛
Dresser	41¼	41¼
Duke Power	49⅛	49¼
Dun & Bradstreet	28	28½
Du Pont	62⅛	62⅛
Eastman Chem	60½	60¼
Eastman Kodak	68⅞	69¼
Eaton Corp	92⅛	92¼
Edison Int	25⅛	25¼
Elect Data Sys	37⅞	37½
Emerson Elec	55½	55¼
Engelhard Corp	21⅞	21⅞
Enron Corp	39⅛	39½
Entergy	25¼	25⅛
Ethyl Corp	9	9
Exxon	63⅞	64⅛
FMC Corp	84½	83¼
FPL Group	47¼	47⅛
Federal Express	69½	69⅛
Fifth Third Banc	62⅛	62¼
Fleet Finl Grp	68	67
Fluor Corp	55⅞	56
Ford Motor	44⅛	44⅛
Fort James	41¼	41¼
Fortune Brands	34⅞	35⅛
Franklin Res	80⅛	80
GTE Corp	44⅞	44⅞
Gannett	98¼	98⅞
Gap Inc Del	50⅛	50¼
Gen Dynamics	83⅛	83¼
Gen Electric	67	66⅞
Gen Mills	65⅞	65¼
Gen Motors	65¼	65⅞
Gen Reinsurance	201¼	203¼
Gen Signal	37½	38⅞
Genuine Parts	30⅞	30⅞
Georgia Pac	90⅛	89⅞
Gillette	79⅛	80⅛
Glaxo Wellc ADR	40⅞	41¼
Goodrich (BF)	43½	43¼
Goodyear Tire	62	62
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅞	25⅛
Great Lakes	46½	46¼
Halliburton	48½	49¼
Harcourt General	50½	50
Heinz (HJ)	43¼	43½
Hercules	51	51½
Hershey Foods	53⅞	54⅛
Hewlett Packard	67⅛	66½
Hilton Hotels	32¼	32¼
Home Depot	50⅛	50⅛
Homestake Mng	13⅛	13⅞
Honeywell	69½	69⅞
Household Intl	114½	115
Houston Inds	20½	20⅞
Humana	24½	23¼
ITT Corp	62½	62⅛
Ikon Office	24⅛	24½
Illinois Tool	49⅛	49⅛
Illinova	22⅛	23⅛
INCO	27	26⅞
Ingersoll Rand	40⅛	40⅞
Inland Steel	22½	22⅛
Intel Corp	96½	95⅞
IBM	102⅞	103
Intl Flav & Fr	50½	51¼
Intl Paper	53⅛	53½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	57½	57⅛
Kellogg	45⅛	46½
Kerr-McGee	63⅛	63⅛
Kimberly-Clark	46⅛	47⅛
Kmart	14⅛	14½
Knight-Ridder	52⅛	52¼
Lilly (Eli)	106⅛	107⅛
Limited Inc	24½	24⅛
Lincoln Nat	69	69⅛
Litton	54	54
Liz Claiborne	48⅛	48⅛
Lockheed Martin	106⅛	106⅞
Louisiana Pac	22½	22⅛
MCI Comm	28¼	28⅛
Manpower Inc	42½	43
Marriott Int	69⅞	69⅛
Marsh & McLnn	71⅞	72⅛
Masco Corp	45½	45¼
May Dept St	55½	55¼
Maytag Corp	29⅛	29½
McDonalds	46⅛	46⅞
McGraw Hill	68	68
Mead Corp	69⅞	70
Medtronic	94¼	94⅛
Mellon Bk	53⅛	55⅛
Merck Inc	94⅛	93½
Mercury Fin	1½	1¼
Merrill Lynch	64½	64⅞
Microsoft	138½	139⅛
Minnesota Mine	92½	92⅛
Mirage Resorts	28⅛	28½
Mobil Corp	75½	75⅞
Monsanto	43⅛	43½
Morgan (JP)	113⅞	113⅞
Motorola Inc	77½	76½
Mylan Labs	23⅛	23⅛
Natl Semi	39½	40
Natl Service Ind	44	44¼
Navistar Int	27½	26½
NY Times A	49½	49½
Newmont Mng	40⅛	41¼
Nike B	54½	54
NL Industries	15	15½
Nordstrom	61¼	61¼
Norfolk Sthn	99¼	98½
Nthn State Pwr	49⅛	49⅛
Norwest Corp	60⅛	60½
Occidental Pet	24⅛	24⅞
Ohio Edison	22⅛	22⅛
Oracle	39½	39⅞
Oryx Energy Co	25¼	26⅛
Owens Corning	41½	41⅞
PPG Industries	65⅛	65
PMI Group	58¼	59
PNC Bank	45½	45⅞
PP&L Res	22⅛	22⅛
Paccar Inc	50	50⅛
Pacificorp	21⅞	21½
Pac Enterprises	33⅛	33¼
Pall Corp	22½	22⅛
Parker Hannifin	43½	43⅞
Peco Energy	23¼	23¼
Penney (JC)	61	60⅞
Pennzoil	77¼	77⅛
Pepsico	38	38⅛
Pfizer	58¼	58⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	35⅞	35¼
Phelps Dodge	77½	77¼
Philip Morris	44¼	44¼
Phillips Pet	48⅛	49⅛
Pitney Bowes	78½	79½
Polaroid	56½	56⅛
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Providian	38½	38½
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Raytheon	58⅛	58⅛
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Reliastar Fin	79	77⅛
Reynolds Metals	69⅛	69⅞
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Textron	65⅛	65½
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Time Warner	52⅛	52⅛
Times-Mirror A	52⅛	53¼
Timken	38¼	38¼
Torchmark	39½	39¼
Toys R Us	35¼	35⅛
Transamerica	99½	100½
Travelers	67½	67⅛
Tribune	49⅛	49⅛
UST Inc	31⅛	31¼
US Bancorp	89⅛	89¼
UAL	77⅛	78¼
Unitrin	61½	62½
US Inds	38	38½
US West Comm	36⅛	36½
US West Media	20⅛	20¼
USAirways Group	35⅛	37½
USX Marathon	33⅞	37⅛
Unicom	24⅛	24¼
Unilever NV	212⅛	212⅛
Union Camp	57¼	57½
Union Carbide	52¼	52⅛
Union Pacific	63¼	63
Unisys Corp	11⅛	11¼
USF&G Corp	22⅛	23⅛
United Tech	79⅛	79¼
Unocal Corp	40⅛	40¼
VF Corp	90½	91⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	38⅛	38¼
Warner-Lambert	132¼	132⅞
Waste Mngmt	31¼	31½
Wells Fargo	268⅛	268¼
Westinghouse El	26⅛	26¼
Weyerhaeuser	55⅛	55
Whirlpool	57⅛	57⅛
Whitman	25⅛	25¼
Winn Dixie	34½	35¼
Witco Corp	40⅛	40½
Woolworth	23⅛	23¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	72½	72⅞
Xerox	78⅛	78⅞
Xilinx Inc	46⅛	47

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Devolution will give business a closer link to government

As top Scottish businessmen urge a 'no' vote tomorrow, **Donald Dewar**, the Secretary of State, says 'yes' is best for commerce

Donald Dewar believes that what business can do for a Scottish parliament is just as important as what a parliament can do for Scottish business

Scotland tomorrow faces an historic choice. Twenty years of debate comes to an end and the time for decisions arrives. The Government's White Paper, *Scotland's Parliament*, sets out a detailed and thoroughly considered set of proposals which, taken together, will rejuvenate Scottish public life and usher in a new kind of democratic politics. That the politics of Scotland will benefit from devolution is no longer seriously questioned, even by those campaigning against our proposals in the referendum. However, what will be the impact on Scottish business? And does the assertion that our proposals pose a threat to business stand up to scrutiny?

I have spent a great deal of time meeting businessmen and business organisations to explain our proposals and how we see them working in practice. These discussions have been constructive and I am delighted that the Scotttish business community is engaged so vigorously in the devolution debate. Attention has focused on two issues — the tax-varying power that is proposed for the Scottish parliament; and the possible impact of devolution on non-domestic rates.

The Scottish parliament will, if the proposal is endorsed in the referendum tomorrow, have a limited power to vary the basic rate of income tax in Scotland by three pence in the pound, up or down. This power will relate to personal income tax only. To maintain the level playing field for business throughout the UK, legislative competence over commercial law, corporate taxation, financial regulation, competition policy and a range of other issues is reserved to Westminster.

Of course, if the Scottish parliament chooses to exercise its discretion over income tax in a particular way, the potential impact — either positive or negative — depends entirely on how it is used. The same point might be made in relation to the powers, proposed for the parliament in, say, transport policy or housing. That is democracy. We trust the people of Scotland, and the representatives they elect, to make decisions that are in Scotland's best interests. If, for example, they want to see a cut in personal income tax, they will have to live with the revenue consequences. Labour is already committed to a policy of not raising income tax for five years and this holds for any Labour representation in a Scottish parliament as well. But financial powers are an essential part and parcel of the democratic choices that many other devolved governments in Europe take for granted and they are important if the Scottish parliament is to be democratically mature and fiscally responsible.

It is also right, for much the same reasons, that the Scottish parliament should assume the powers over local taxation that currently reside with me, as Secretary of State. Does anyone seriously suggest — after the shenanigans surrounding the poll tax, which would have been laughable if they had not been so expensive to the public purse — that Westminster is better placed to provide democratic control over these issues than a Scottish parliament?

Bill Anderson, of the Scottish Federation of Small Businesses, has already drawn attention to how much easier it will be for business to influence decisions on these matters once they have been devolved.

I have addressed these two issues specifically because they have attracted public comment from a number of leading business figures. But in reality the new opportunities that devolution will unlock for the Scottish business community are much more significant.

I expect business interests to have a direct and continuing influence on a Scottish parliament. For example, they will be able to make a major contribution to the parliament's decisions on education. Democracy is a two-way street, and what business can do for a Scottish parliament is just as important as what a parliament can do for Scottish business. Scottish business, in dialogue with a Scottish parliament, can be more certain of getting its message across and seeing its interests addressed than it can be when dealing with a UK Parliament where it is merely one regional or sectional interest among many.

Since May 1, 16 inward investment projects, creating 3,000 new jobs, have been announced. For these companies — operating in the hard-headed world of international business — the attractions of Scotland have not been dulled by the prospect of devolution. Perhaps, indeed, they have been sharpened by it. Scotland's image overseas will be enhanced by the renewed focus for growth and investment, bringing particular benefits to those industries that rely on Scotland's reputation for excellence.

I believe that the wisdom and judgment of the Scottish people will guide a Scottish parliament's decisions. For all true democrats, in the world of commerce and elsewhere, that is the conclusive argument in favour of devolution.

A yes/yes vote on Thursday will be good for the Scottish polity and, by definition, good for one of its most influential components — Scottish business.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Healthy climate for hedges and the IMF

There is old crack that an emerging market is one from which you cannot emerge in an emergency. It was widely disregarded until recently: after the great Mexican crisis, investors seem to have assumed that all governments had learned prudence.

They know better now. The landscape is full of lame tigers, and now, with the ominous Colombian slide in the exchange markets, it seems that even Latin America needs a second re-education. Nice weather for hedge funds — and, it may prove, for the International Monetary Fund. Its annual meeting later this month is likely to be a much happier occasion than it can have hoped.

The IMF has never been popular; those who prescribe nasty medicine cannot expect to be loved — especially if they make a habit of flying first class to bankrupt countries. But this never worried IMF officials in Washington; indeed,they made a virtue of unpopularity. By offering itself as a scapegoat, they would explain, the IMF made it possible for governments to take actions that would otherwise have spelt political death.

What was beginning to threaten its future, though, was economic success. As years passed without a crisis requiring an IMF cure, its enemies in the US Congress, always anxious to find spending cuts that do not hit any US voters, painted it as an expensive relic and began to argue for its abolition. The global capital market would impose any discipline that might be needed. This looks far too optimistic now, and nobody would defend the Fund more stoutly than its new Asian clients. An IMF package may be painful, but not as bad as the alternative, a real working-over in the markets. Even the defiant Dr Mahathir of Malaysia has now embraced officially approved austerity.

But is the IMF's current role to protect governments from their own folly, or rather to protect investors from theirs? All the recent financial collapses — even that of Japan — — were triggered by an irrational financial market booms. Hence the problems for which governments and bank regulators are routinely blamed: inflowing capital drives exchange rates up and interest rates down. Result: a large current account deficit, and a thoughtless investment boom.

These market excesses have certainly not gone unnoticed. Indeed, the annual symposium of central bankers at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, ten days ago talked of nothing else. Unusually, though, the assembled wise men, from the great Alan Greenspan downwards, offered no solutions.They deplored the manic-depressive behaviour of the markets; but they have been doing that since the first South Sea Bubble. They surmised that markets might behave less foolishly if they were given fuller information; but it is often the officials themselves who suppress disturbing news for fear of rocking the boat. And would warnings have any effect? After all, Greenspan has been unable even to restrain Wall Street; how could he possibly hope to massage the Hang Seng?

The good news is that markets do learn, if only slowly. Speculators like George Soros are even more unpopular than the IMF; but by triggering crises relatively early, they make them a bit more manageable. There have been heavy setbacks in the Asian markets; indeed, many had risen so high that they were long overdue. But so far there has been no meltdown. Currencies have been devalued but not rendered valueless. Despite the dramas and disappointments, the measurements show that markets, like market economies, are becoming less volatile as the years pass. The hedge funds deserve a good deal of credit for both developments.

One uncomfortable fact remains: both the potential saviours of an unrestrained global market economy — the funds and the Fund — depend on crises for their continued existence. No volatility, no profits for the hedge funds; no crises, no tolerance for the sometimes overbearing IMF. It looks like a system that can only go on working at all so long as it does not work perfectly.

A deal to bother 'Arfur' Daley

Jason Nissé explains why the used car market will never be the same again as Car Group buys its rival

The market for used cars in Britain underwent a sea change yesterday. By buying its largest competitor — and the only motor dealer that operates on a similar basis — The Car Group became the nation's largest retailer of used cars. Yet even after the £20.3 million purchase of Empress Car Group (Abertillery), Car Group will operate from only five sites.

The difference between these sites and your conventional motor dealer is size. Car Group operates what it calls Car Supermarkets, sites of no fewer than 6,000 sq ft that sell used cars of rarely more than five years of age in massive volumes. Its first site at Cannock, north of Birmingham, was expanded shortly after the group floated last year and more recently it has been augmented by a 10,000 sq ft site at Northampton.

The two existing Car Group sites will sell more than 30,000 cars this year. Empress has a turnover of 30,000 cars a year on its three sites in South Wales. One of these will be converted to retailing cars of more than five years of age, enabling Car Group to sell motors it has taken in part-exchange rather than putting them out to auction.

The deal with Empress came about through a mixture of commercial tension and opportunism. Though Empress is a well-established business, Peter King, Car Group's aggressive chief executive, had seen a chance to beat it at its own game and was planning to open a rival site in Newport, Gwent.

Empress had tried to block Car Group's planning permission. In the midst of the battle, Richard Farr, the venture capitalist who chairs Car Group, had discovered that Empress's tax exile owners, Bob and Janet Morris, were negotiating to sell the group to a management buy-in team. So Car Group nipped in and offered a higher price.

Its expansion is threatening the profitability of many of the UK's leading car dealers. The likes of Dixons Motors, DC Cook and Reg Vardy make a substantial part of their profit from used car sales. Car Group's supermarkets undercut other dealers on price and offer buyers a wider choice. Car Group's deals with hire car chains and leasing companies to buy their used cars is cutting off many of the sources of quality used cars to the conventional dealers. "Car Group is becoming the gorilla on the block and it is worrying the other dealers," said one City analyst.

The Empress deal is far from being the end of Car Group's ambitions. It has also applied for planning permission for two more sites — one believed to be off the M62 in Yorkshire, the other on the outskirts of London — and Empress has an option on a site in Coventry. If these are developed, Car Group could be selling nearly 100,000 used cars a year.

It is also trying to break into the £6 billion a year private sale market — people selling through the likes of *Exchange & Mart*, *Autotrader* and *Loot*. In a deal with Lloyds TSB and Royal & SunAlliance, it is offering warranties for second-hand cars sold privately. There is little profit in this deal for Car Group, but it enables the company to build up a database of car owners to whom it can attempt to sell used cars.

Car Group is revolutionising the second-hand car market in Britain. The days of 'Arfur' Daley are long gone.

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Going rate

WHAT IS this from Scottish Media, *né* Scottish TV, where they might have been expected to be a bit more careful with their cash? Gus Macdonald is moving up to non-executive chairman from the start of next year. The one-time left-wing firebrand and shipyard worker, who has been at Scottish TV for more than a decade now, will be taking it easier from now on, one assumes. Non-executives tend to work fewer hours than full-timers, after all, and Gus is 57.

But I hear Macdonald's contract says he must be paid at the executive rate for two years after he steps up — or down, depending on how you look at it. He made £240,000 last year, £225,000 of this basic salary, which is presumably what he will get in future. Negotiations on the subject continue. I am not suggesting that he is not worth every penny. And I never knew that his real name was Angus.

"Coal . . . now let me see. It sounds familiar"

● *A VIGNETTE from Brighton: the Beloved Leader has spoken, and the press are filing into a conference to be given by John Monks, the TUC General Secretary. The hushed silence is broken by a mobile phone. The tune?* Whistle While You Work, *from* Snow White. *Better known as the dwarfs' working song.*

Ad is for life

A SERIOUS and justified kicking for the Prudential from the Advertising Standards Authority, the virtually toothless watchdog that polices the outer limits of the advertising game. "Why you'll be better off with Prudential because we're No 1 in our field" was the offending ad in the national press. No 1 at what? Some, but not all, of the pension and life assurance business, said the agency, Barkers; not good enough, said the ASA. In future the Pru will have to say which bits they reckon they are best at. I should lay off pensions for a start, at least until you have sorted out the mess from last time you claimed you were any good at it.

But the ASA lacks the ability to fine anyone for such blatant lying and puffery, and anyway, even the six-figure numbers that City regulators can demand are a gnat's bite to the likes of the Pru. A thought. Why not fine the agencies who produce such tosh, and tend to be fairly slender beasts? I know nothing about the finances of Barkers, but I imagine half a million would leave a bit of a hole there.

● *THE ECONOMIST is courting potential readers with one of those tailored, computerised mail-shots that assume an immediate and close, nay blood, relationship with the recipient. One went to a friend's business address, at Something Something Ltd. "If you consider* The Economist *of limited appeal, perhaps you should think again," it trumpeted. The letter somewhat weakened its case by beginning "Dear Mr Ltd".*

Launch aid

WHATEVER the turmoil at the Bank of England, I hear that David Clementi, the new Deputy Governor, is about to emerge into the light at his first official engagement at the Bank. There since the start of this month, he will co-host a reception at Threadneedle Street a week today aimed at raising £4 million for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. This is the first time the RNLI has tried to raise money from the business sector for a specific project. Clementi, as many will know since his unexpected elevation to the public eye, is a keen sailor.

Pulp friction

SO WHAT was in the latest internal Treasury newsletter that meant the whole issue had to be pulled and pulped at the last moment? On the orders of Charlie Whelan, no less, the bike chain-wielding mouthpiece of Gordon Brown. It seems the subject under discussion was the Treasury's relocation to Camelford House on Albert Embankment, a move so popular that several Treasury long-timers have hurled themselves off Vauxhall Bridge, metaphorically speaking, rather than cross the river.

And it seems that Whelan, while less than pleased with the subject matter, was even less happy with the title. "New Headache, New Treasury", wasn't it? Be it hereby known that the phrase New This, New That is Labour Party copyright, and not to be used for anything as frivolous as a discussion on employees' rights in the workplace.

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Brit Excell	112.37	119.40	- 0.80	2.30
Brit Fndmtls Acc	137.00	145.80	- 0.70	4.32
Brit Fndmtls Inc	87.93	93.55	- 3.11	4.32
Global Opps	118.60	126.20	- 0.10	.
Balanced Acc	74.34	79.09	- 0.19	2.11
Balanced Inc	68.70	73.09	- 0.18	2.11
Japan Acc	42.62	45.35	+ 0.58	
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilts & Fixed Int	135.80	141.10†	+ 0.10	6.37
High Inc Equity	214.10	229.00	- 0.70	4.24
Worldwide Bond	270.60	287.00†	+ 0.50	3.87
American Growth	533.10	569.00	+ 1.30	0.29
Asian Pacific	338.80	362.40	+ 8.50	0.38
Assec & Europe	335.70	359.00	- 1.50	2.60
Euro Capital Acc	241.40	258.20	- 0.60	0.77
Extra Inc	43.73	46.52†	- 0.04	6.45
General	308.50	328.20†	- 1.30	2.80
Global Opps	84.19	89.56†	+ 0.12	0.45
Japan	99.62	106.50	+ 1.50	
Managed Inc	51.84	55.15†	- 0.03	4.08
Mastertrust	193.20	206.80	+ 0.50	1.07
US Emerging Cos	225.80	241.50	+ 1.90	
Ethical	87.88	93.49	- 0.32	1.98
International	156.80	166.90	+ 0.70	0.52
Dividend & Growth	78.88	83.91	- 0.29	4.00
Global Gwth & Sec	77.75	83.04	+ 0.28	2.43
Latin America	99.83	106.70†	+ 0.30	0.37
Capital Reserve	150.80	150.90	+ 0.20	4.63

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
NSP UK Growth	108.30	115.20†	- 0.60	2.08
Equity Income #	149.50	158.00†	- 0.70	3.16
Extra Income #	285.30	303.20†	- 1.00	6.01
Smaller Cos	106.30	113.00	- 0.10	1.76
International	133.40	141.90	- 0.50	1.29

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Extra Income Acc	32.04	33.73		6.63
European Gwth	81.73	86.49		0.12
Evergreen	35.74	38.22	...	...
General Equity	127.69	134.77	.	2.37
Japan Growth	41.72	44.38		
PetGrowe Gwth	75.85	80.36	..	1.78
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	40.67	43.04		1.43
-do- Accum	43.56	46.10		1.43
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Balanced	79.22	82.52†	- 0.60	3.74
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High Income	54.55	56.82†	+ 0.06	6.51
Top 50	69.40	72.29†	- 0.51	2.23

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
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Equity Inc	215.09	224.08	- 1.48	4.31
Long Gilt	47.60	49.55	- 0.03	5.76
Monthly Inc Plus	54.58	56.86	+ 0.08	7.88
Preference Share	54.08	56.34	+ 1.82	6.92
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	155.84	162.35	- 0.77	5.52
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UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	52.22	54.40	- 0.08	1.56
-do- Accum	62.45	65.08	- 0.09	1.56
UK & General	117.99	122.86	- 0.62	2.29
-do- Accum	156.34	162.87	- 0.83	2.29
UK Growth	233.31	243.06	-1.463	1.62
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	263.53	274.54	- 2.09	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	134.10	139.70	+ 2.71	0.20
Global Bond	75.54	78.70	- 0.06	6.53
Japan Growth	107.90	112.41	+ 1.90	
North Amer Gth	307.13	319.96	+ 1.19	
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Worldwide Growth	84.47	88.00	+ 0.18	0.29
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist @	705.10	705.10	- 3.80	2.10
-do- Accum @	1491.00	1491.00	- 9.00	2.10
Equity Income #	117.80	117.80†	- 0.90	4.68

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
PAM Mg Bal Gth	77.67	80.86†	+ 0.22	0.35

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-do- Accum	380.50	400.80	+ 1.500	
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-do- Accum	149.50	158.40	+0.800	
British Blue Chip	119.10	126.50	- 0.40	2.38
-do- Accum	155.40	164.90	- 0.60	2.38
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-do- Accum *	154.70	154.70	+0.100	6.61
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European @	179.10	179.10†	- 1.30	
Far Eastern @	227.50	227.50	+ 4.10	
Fixed Interest @	56.84	56.84†	- 0.02	7.51
Gilt @	95.99	95.99	- 0.06	6.06
Global Growth @	91.04	91.04	+ 0.26	
Intl Bond @	49.80	49.80†	- 0.08	4.89
Japanese @	65.49	65.49	+ 0.99	
North American @	288.30	288.30	+ 0.40	
Pacific Growth @	124.50	124.50	+ 2.00	0.06
Pacific Index @	46.83	46.83		1.98
UK Index @	93.32	93.32	- 0.54	2.57
UK Recovery @	130.10	130.10	- 0.50	1.42
UK Smaller Cos @	170.70	170.70†		1.21

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	407.00	430.60†	- 2.10	0.44
-do- Accum	444.10	469.80†	- 2.30	0.44
European Income	101.90	107.80	- 0.20	3.76
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	407½	**Allied Domecq**	468	- 6½	5.8	14.0
676	402½	Bulmer (HP)	402½	- 14	4.5	11.2
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	46		9.2	11.5
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	975		1.7	24.1
631	425½	**Grand Met**	580	- 4½	3.2	18.6
627	424	**Guinness**	562½	+ 7	3.6	16.0
380	306½	Highland Dist	337½		3.4	14.4
336	225½	Matthew Clark	225½	- 7½	13.3	6.7
109½	[illegible]	Morrison Wi	50½		6.4	14.9
2008½	1462½	SA Breweries	1831½	- 50	2.1	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521½	918½	ABN-AMRO	1273	- 6½	2.5	17.9
971	710	**Abbey Natl**	862½	- 6½	4.0	14.1
662½	532½	**Alliance & Leics**	645½	- 1½	3.2	15.1
563	388½	Allied Irish	540	- 1½	3.4	15.3
488½	363½	Aus New Z	465½	+ 4½	4.0	
4671½	2975	Bank America	4493½	- 26½		
452	251½	**Bank Scotland**	434½	+ 4½	2.4	13.2
1476½	978½	**Barclays**	1451	- 11	2.9	13.8
764	517½	Bk of Ireland	728½	+ 4	2.7	16.1
8828½	6006½	Citicorp	8253½			
1759½	1368½	Commerzbk	1694½	- 9½	2.8	
862½	558½	Dai Ichi Kan. Y	740½	+ 12½	0.6	
4321½	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3850	- 16½	1.6	
1300	759½	Espirito Santo	1281½	- 6½	2.9	
847½	593½	Fuji Bank Y	786½	+ 11	0.6	
2369½	1272½	**HSBC**	2020	- 21	2.8	16.4
2258½	1241	**HSBC HK**	1935	- 21	3.0	15.7
783	701½	**Halifax**	711	- 3	2.6	24.0
610	483½	Irish Perm	585		2.6	16.2
783½	474	**Lloyds TSB**	738	- 1	2.4	21.5
912½	669½	**Nat Aust Bk**	898	+ ½	4.6	12.7
896½	663½	**Nat West**	812½	- 11	4.6	12.8
665	508	**Roy Bk Scot**	602½	- 3	4.0	13.0
1093½	681	**Stand Chart**	909	+ 11½	2.4	14.1
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		2.0	
397½	315½	Westpac	371½	+ 3	4.1	
373½	284	Woolwich	317½	- 1½	3.1	19.8

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
101½	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100		8.75	
105	100	Exch 15% 1997	100	-	14.85	6.64
103¼	100	Exch 9¾% 1998	100		9.66	6.95
101	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.24	6.94
110	104	Treas 14% 1998-01	104	-	13.38	7.02
114	108	Treas 15½% 1998	108	-	14.30	7.02
109	105	Exch 12% 1998	105	-	11.38	7.08
105	102	Treas 9½% 1999	103	-	9.21	6.99
111	107	Exch 12¼% 1999	107	-	11.40	7.04
108	105	Treas 10½% 1999	105	-	9.96	7.01
99	96	Treas 6% 1999	98	-	6.10	6.90
109	106	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	-	9.63	6.98
106	104	Conv 9% 2000	104	-	8.62	6.90
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	102	-	7.77	6.95
104	102	Treas 8½% 2000	103	-	8.24	7.04
119	114	Treas 13% 2000	115	-	11.30	7.04
112	98	Treas 10% 2001	108	-	9.19	7.02
101	98	Treas 7% 2001	100	-	7.00	6.98

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
101	97	Treas 7% 2002	100	-	6.98	7.02
122	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	-	8.77	7.03
105	102	Treas 8% 2003	104	-	7.64	6.97
116	111	Treas 10% 2003	114	-	8.75	7.02
116	113	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	-	10.12	7.02
87	82	Fund 3½% 1999-04	87	-	4.02	5.82
114	109	Conv 9½% 2004	113	-	8.35	7.00
99	94	Treas 6¾% 2004	98	-	6.83	6.86
109	104	Treas 8½% 2005	109	-	7.78	6.99
122	110	Conv 9½% 2005	114	-	8.31	7.02
129	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	-	9.85	7.04
103	98	Treas 7¾% 2006	103	-	7.26	6.99
107	99	Treas 7¾% 2006	104	-	7.40	7.00
104	100	Treas 8% 2002-06	103	-	7.72	7.12
123	119	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.74	7.04
111	105	Treas 8½% 2007	110	-	7.71	7.03
102	96	Treas 7¼% 2007	102	-	7.10	6.96
116	108	Treas 9% 2008	115	-	7.81	7.00
108	101	Treas 8% 2009	107	-	7.41	7.00

LONGS (over 15 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
95	86	Treas 6¼% 2010	93	-	6.69	7.01
118	109	Conv 9% 2011	117	-	7.67	7.02
119	109	Treas 9% 2012	118 ‡	-	7.63	7.02
89	80	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88 †	-	6.25	6.82
110	100	Treas 8% 2013	109	-	7.31	7.01
107	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106	-	7.28	7.03
111	101	Treas 8% 2015	110	-	7.22	6.94
120	103	Treas 8¾% 2017	118	-	7.36	6.98
113	101	Tr 8% 2021	112	-	7.11	6.91

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1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
50	43	War Ln 3½%	50	-	6.98	
35	30	Treas 2½%	35	-	7.13	
55	49	Consols 4%	55	+	7.27	

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1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
115	113	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	115		..	1.80
187	184	Treas IL 2½% 2001	187	+	2.91	3.67
184	180	Treas IL 2½% 2003	184	+	3.10	3.63
120	117	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118		3.15	3.62
195	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	194	-	3.25	3.60
178	170	Treas IL 2½% 2009	175	-	3.26	3.54
183	176	Treas IL 2½% 2011	182		3.29	3.54
151	140	Treas IL 2½% 2013	150	.	3.32	3.53
161	153	Treas IL 2½% 2016	161	-	3.33	3.59
159	147	Treas IL 2½% 2020	155	-	3.38	3.55
129	122	Treas IL 2½% 2024	128		3.39	3.55
126	119	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	126		3.39	3.54

Source: FT Information

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ROS DRINKWATER

Jimmy McGovern, foreground, and John Simm, the lead in *The Lakes*, McGovern's new five-part drama series about passion among boating folk

In thrall to words' worth

Jimmy McGovern is back exorcising his old demons, but in prettier surroundings. **Ros Drinkwater** reports

Whatever happened to daffodils? "Love and lust in the Lakes" is how the BBC has chosen to trail the new five-part drama serial by Jimmy McGovern. Yet another exorcism of personal demons which would long ago have sunk a less robust soul. *The Lakes* is the story of Liverpudlian Danny and his adventures in "a sex-obsessed, secretive, small community in the Lake District".

McGovern sees it in less lurid terms: "It's the story about a clash of communities and, yes, to some extent it's autobiographical." Like Danny, McGovern worked in a Lake District hotel, got a girl pregnant, and married her. Like Danny, he spent years as a compulsive gambler, a habit begun in his childhood.

McGovern was born to obsessions. An hour in his company leaves you exhilarated and exhausted. His thoughts tumble out fast and furious as he expresses his angst at the state of the nation. "Take drugs. The sure way to spread drugs is to ban them. Take teachers. Give them tenure for life and they became lazy bastards, not because they are evil, but because they become so disillusioned. As for the police, do you honestly think they care about justice? How can you be a police officer and a member of a secret society?"

McGovern served his apprenticeship writing 80 episodes of *Brookside*, hit the jackpot with *Cracker*, and has won a clutch of awards for hard-edged, witty dramas dealing with his obsessions — sex, gambling, death, Catholicism and guilt. He is proudest of his drama documentary, *Hillsborough*. The decision to hold a second inquiry into the death of the 96 Liverpool fans was in no small way due to its impact.

> "The more honest you are, the more you get slammed"

Paradoxically, for one hailed as a master of down-to-earth realism, his own life has been stranger than fiction would ever allow. The fifth of nine children of a betting shop manager, McGovern did not speak properly until he was eight, and then with a stutter. The written word was his refuge. "I wrote all the time and read everything: Steinbeck, Hemingway, Joyce — I thought *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* was the best book I'd ever read." Academically bright, he locked horns with his Jesuit teachers, left school at 16 and drifted through a series of dead-end jobs, always dreaming that one day he would write the Big Novel. By the time he was 24 it seemed less than likely. He had a wife, three children and a serious gambling habit.

The turning point came as the result of a building dispute. "We'd got a grant to do home improvements, but the work was so shoddy I had a blazing row with the builder." So impressed was the man with the power of McGovern's aggression that he persuaded him to go along to a writer's workshop. "I could be very articulate in rage — I could wound wonderfully."

The workshop led to McGovern enrolling as a mature student and getting a job teaching English. He wrote plays for the Liverpool Playhouse, the Everyman, and in 1983 was signed up for *Brookside*. Even so, he hung on to the day job. "As soon as the bell went I'd get my script out. That went on for a year; I was terrified to pack in teaching."

McGovern's breakthrough, *Cracker*, was born on the rebound when *Priest*, a project very close to his heart, failed to get off the ground. He modelled the hero on his mood at the time. "I was disillusioned, cynical, and angry. I'd been asked to write about a criminal psychologist, and vetoed it twice, saving all my energies for *Priest*. When that collapsed, I threw myself into *Cracker* with such energy I found myself frightened by it. It turned out all right in the end. When word filtered through about *Cracker*, *Priest* got the green light."

He sees himself less as writer than as a story-teller. "I have a need to tell stories, any story, as long as it addresses the fundamental issues of the human condition." He remains unrepentant regarding the level of violence and sex in his work: "You have to write the truth as you see it, and the truth is often unsettling. In *Cracker*, I believe what I wrote were honest explanations of men, and the feelings which men suppress. The trouble is, the more honest you are, the more you get slammed."

Politically, he describes himself as "old Labour, chastened by experience", and he reserves judgment on Tony Blair. "He seems to be doing something, but whether he's a man of substance remains to be seen. For me, only one issue matters — justice for the Hillsborough families. If Jack Straw cannot give the public justice, then what's Labour for?"

Despite his success, he feels he is still learning his craft. "With my latest screenplay, I began, Hollywood-style, with a high concept. The trouble is, high concept sits on your script like a toad, and you're stuck with it. You get so fired by the concept you dare not let the characters have any kind of free will in case they stray away from the plot. So every draft is a constant struggle to let the characters breathe. I aim for perfection and constantly fail.

"What sustains me is Geoff. Every writer needs a Geoff. He was a schoolteacher I used to know, a great critic who couldn't write anything because he was so self-critical. There has to be a guy who writes, and there has to be a Geoff. Geoff makes for lean writing."

● *The Lakes* begins on Sunday (9.05pm) on BBC1

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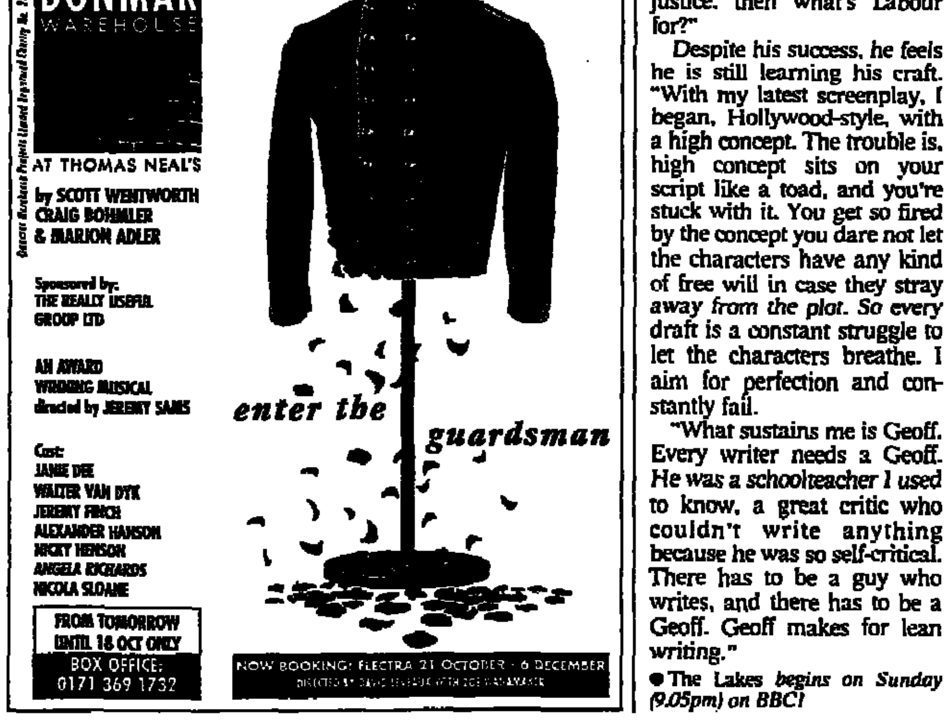

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BBC PROMS

Judith Howarth: a pure soprano soloist in Fauré

Memorial tributes were paid at both weekend Proms not only to Diana, Princess of Wales, but to Mother Teresa and to Sir Georg Solti, who had been due to conduct Verdi's *Requiem* at the Proms on Friday (Sir Colin Davis replaces him). On Sunday **Neeme Jarvi** and the **Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra** prefaced their scheduled programme with a short piece from Hugo Alfven which was both touching and poignant.

It was also the only chance we had to hear any Swedish music, for the visitors devoted the first part of the programme to excavating some seldom-heard Brahms: his male voice cantata, *Rinaldo*. The nearest this composer came to anything operatic, its setting of Goethe's text was strongly delivered both by Stig Andersen as the gallant but lovelorn tenor hero, and by the Sons of Orpheus Chorus from Uppsala as the crusaders vigorously calling him back from dalliance to duty.

On purely a musical basis it would probably be kinder to let the cantata rest in obscurity, whereas the violin playing of the American Kurt Nikkanen in the D Major Concerto (No 1) by Prokofiev was a delight to the ear. Not only did he spin a gossamer web of poised and delicate figuration, but he was never merely predictable in his approach to the concerto and kept his surprises beguilingly sustained.

The extent of Jarvi's 16-year association with the Swedish orchestra of which he is principal conductor was apparent in their performance of the Fifth Symphony by Sibelius. Here was a revelatory approach that made the music sound new-minted. The inherent tension in the work was never allowed to slacken but consistently held back until resolved in an apotheosis of epic grandeur, with an encore to follow — the *Valse triste* by Sibelius — that reflected the orchestra's contrasting delicacy.

On the previous night at the Albert Hall the audience was asked to stand for another minute's silence before a changed programme which replaced the intended Poulenc and Ravel with Fauré's gentle Requiem. While I was sorry to lose Poulenc's ebullient Gloria, the message of personal comfort in tribulation offered by the Requiem was more in keeping with the sombre mood of the day.

Its lyrical restraint of feeling was touchingly evoked by the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** under **David Atherton**, the principal guest conductor, although the combined forces of the BBC National Chorus of Wales and the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus planned for jubilant Poulenc was vocally too weighty for Fauré, especially at the few outbursts like the "Exaudi" in the Introit, and the pealing "Hosannas" later.

Neal Davies sang a measured baritone solo in the *Hostias* and invoked an eloquent *Libera me*, and Judith Howarth, placed higher up beside the organ console, where Malcolm Hicks was a sensitive organist, floated a pure and poignant soprano for *Pie Jesu*. Atherton had asked for no applause when the Requiem finished and, as its last notes died away, the utter stillness in a crowded hall had its own silent eloquence.

This work waited nearly 50 years to reach Britain, but Rachmaninov's First Symphony waited even longer: it was not heard here until nearly 70 years after its composition and disastrous premiere. Even now, in its rehabilitation as a youthful venture by the composer, it remains an unbalanced work as if contrived from musical building blocks. This performance laid them out forcefully but without a symphonic cogency.

NOEL GOODWIN

Water, water, everywhere

New London Consort
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE first day of Philip Pickett's imaginatively conceived Early Music Weekend, *To Set Before a King*, featured music from the Caroline Courts given by the Palladian Ensemble, medieval dances by the Dufay Collective, and water music by Handel and Telemann from Pickett's own New London Consort.

The most intriguing item was Pickett's radical new thesis concerning Handel's *Water Music*. The performance of the latter on a barge, during a royal water party on the Thames in 1717, is not quite the novelty it seems. There was a long tradition of such aquatic pageants and an established symbolism to go with them. Pickett argues that the allegorical conceit underlying the 1717 water party was *The Meeting of Neptune and King George*, the purpose being to bolster the monarch's public image as "ruler of the land" by correlating him with the ruler of the sea.

Neptune and his retinue were traditionally associated with conch shells — horns being an occasional substitute — and it is noteworthy that the pair of horns used by Handel here was virtually unprecedented. Flutes and recorders were also commonly used to evoke sea images, though these appear only in the so-called G Major Suite. Pickett adduces convincing evidence (not exactly new) that the G Major Suite may well have been heard on board, contrary to a widely held view that it was played only indoors at Chelsea after supper.

Of course, Handel uses horns and recorders elsewhere to signify quite different things (Jews, Romans, songbirds): nevertheless, the thesis is eminently plausible. Whereas Pickett's equally controversial thesis on the symbolism underlying Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos* resulted in a fresh approach to the music, here there was little discernible difference. Perhaps a more regal tread in several of the movements, and a tendency towards pomp rather than the all-too-fashionable virtuosity, hinted at the subtext.

Unfortunately, the result was sometimes lethargic, and in any case compromised by some decidedly hit-and-miss horn playing. Inspired by the eccentricities of Telemann's two watery suites, *Hamburger Ebb und Fluth* and *Alster Echo* — whose movement titles incidentally make the allegory clear — the Consort delivered lively, characterful performances of both.

BARRY MILLINGTON

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

JASON MARTIN

Age: 27.

Profession: Painter. His work is almost impossible to reproduce, because photographs of it look like conventional minimal art, his rectangular canvases painted one uniform colour. Fortunately galleries, specifically the fashionable Lisson Gallery, have looked at the originals rather than a clutch of slides, and realised where the difference lies. Consequently, he has had two successful solo shows at the Lisson, and participated in the Oxford Museum of Modern Art's currently touring show *About Vision* and the Royal Academy's forthcoming *Sensation*. Next month he has a solo show in Japan.

He was schooled at Goldsmiths'. A funny place for a painter to go? "Yes, that's why I went there. If you said you wanted to do a painting, you could, but they thought it odd that you wanted to paint a line when you could suspend a real line from the ceiling instead."

This was an advantage? "Yes. Maybe I'm just aggressive. I was always up for a fight, and enjoyed having to fight for what I wanted to do." And that's always been painting? "Yes. At school I got through quite a lot of Abstract Expressionist clichés. But that was not really what I wanted to do. I always admired Pollock, but I didn't want to be Pollock, just to make my paintings be a record of my body moving through space, as his dribble paintings are of his body in motion. But my movements are much more restrained and structured, and so my paintings come out looking very different."

Method: "I have a baton with a draught excluder attached to it, so that it makes an immensely wide brush. I drag the colour across the surface [frequently a plate of polished stainless steel] with it, and I have to use my whole body to do this. So even the slightest fluctuation in my movement has its effect on the mark I am making."

Whom does he admire? Pollock, Cézanne.

Failure rate: About three paintings that he thinks work to seven that have to be scraped down or scrapped.

Criteria for success: "It has to be a visual experience, first and foremost. If it isn't, why paint at all? Why not write a book?"

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

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Autumn shows: the critics' choice

FILM

Geoff Brown

At the Cannes Film Festival in May, the Spice Girls paraded their wares to promote a project that barely existed except for the title, *Spice: The Movie*. Things move fast in the higher echelons of art, and the film will be presented to the nation's cinemas on Boxing Day.

But that is a long way ahead. Before that, more substantial pleasures lie in wait. This month, prepare to be astonished by Atom Egoyan's *The Sweet Hereafter*, an elegiac adaptation of Russell Banks's novel about a small town devastated by grief after a school bus accident. Past films from the Canadian have been dominated by voyeuristic games and technology: here he rediscovers human beings.

Mid-September brings Mike Leigh's *Career Girls*, the tale of two college friends meeting up after six years. The film may appear slight next to *Secrets & Lies*, but it is affecting in its exploration of fond hopes and harsh reality. British cinema also comes up trumps with *Nil by Mouth* (Oct 10), Gary Oldman's directorial debut, inspired by his own East London upbringing.

One week later, Stephen Fry appears as Oscar Wilde in *Wilde*, from the director of *Tom & Viv*, Brian Gilbert. Given the advances in sexual politics since the last round of Wilde films in 1960, one might expect this to dot the i's and cross the t's more than it does. But there is an emotional maturity here that impresses. November brings two British movies with European ties: Michael Winterbottom's *Welcome to Sarajevo*, weighed down with hokum, and *The Tango Lesson* from Sally Potter (director of *Orlando*), a film destined to send you out with a rose between your teeth.

And from Hollywood? There is *Home Alone 3*, if you can stand it. There is Demi Moore in Ridley Scott's *G.I. Jane*, head shaved, suffering exquisite physical punishment as the first female in the Navy Seals. There is *Volcano*, which sends lava and clichés all over Los Angeles. There is also *Face/Off*, a tricky thriller from John Woo with John Travolta and Nicolas Cage.

If you want Hollywood movies with sense, your best bets are the fitfully impressive *Contact* (Sept 26), directed by Robert Zemeckis, with Jodie Foster making contact with extra-terrestrials; and *LA Confidential* (Oct 31), a ripping yarn about LA in the Fifties from Curtis Hanson.

Where are the foreign-language movies? All but nowhere, though Chen Kaige's sumptuous drama *Temptress Moon*, with Leslie Cheung and Gong Li, surfaces on Oct 10. This follows a family as they fall apart under the influence of opium and social change in the 1910s. Then the French hit *Ma Vie en Rose* arrives (Oct 24), wrapping up the troubles of a seven-year-old boy who wants to be a girl.

Men in frock coats, and frocks: Stephen Fry plays the title role in *Wilde*, out next month; while the all-male cast of Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo warms up for a London appearance next week

Sharks, sex and satire

VISUAL ART

Richard Cork

Most controversial art show of the autumn? It's bound to be *Sensation* (Royal Academy, from Sept 18). Drawn from the Saatchi Collection, it presents young British artists in all their notorious feistiness. Damien Hirst's shark in formaldehyde will be a dominant presence. Other exhibitors include Gary Hume, Fiona Rae, Sam Taylor-Wood and Rachel Whiteread.

James Ensor, whose long career is surveyed at the Barbican Art Gallery (from tomorrow), was the most macabre artist of his age. This fiercely isolated Belgian painter lived until 1949, but is best remembered for his earlier seascapes, masked carnivals and apocalyptic biblical scenes, all well represented here.

The tercentenary celebrations of Hogarth, another stubborn individualist, come to a climax with the British Museum's *Hogarth and His Times* (from Sept 26). Other Hogarth shows are at the Whitworth Gallery, Manchester (from Friday), the National Gallery (from Monday), the Thomas Coram Foundation, London (from Nov 5), and the V&A (from Oct 15).

Objects of Desire is the seductive title of the Hayward Gallery's big autumn show (from Oct 9). It examines the surprisingly central role played by still-life subjects in 20th-century art. Many of modernism's outstanding masters, from Matisse and Picasso to Duchamp, are included.

At the Tate, Victorian art at its most dreamlike is explored in *The Age of Rossetti, Burne-Jones and Watts* (from Oct 16). By a happy coincidence, the Royal Academy's *Victorian Fairy Painting* show opens soon afterwards (from Nov 13). The major figure will be "Mad" Richard Dadd, who killed his father and spent much of his career painting hypnotic fairyland scenes in Bedlam. But the show reveals how widespread the craze for occult subjects was.

A single painting by Holbein is the centrepiece of the National Gallery's most important autumn offering (from Nov 5). His recently cleaned *Ambassadors* is familiar enough, but the show widens out to include a fascinating exploration of his working methods.

The Serpentine Gallery marks its return after redevelopment with a major retrospective devoted to Piero Manzoni (from Nov 27). Dying at the age of 30 in 1963, Manzoni nevertheless produced an influential body of work: revolutionary yet highly refined.

There's something odd about those sylphs

DANCE

Debra Craine

In dance the season kicks off in familiar style with pointe shoes and tutus — only this time it's men wearing the frocks. After an absence of ten years, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo returns to London (Peacock Theatre, Sept 15-28). This is ballet as you have never seen it before: all the swans and sylphs of the classical repertoire are performed by the 14 men. It's hilarious, but accomplished too.

Meanwhile, the temporarily homeless Royal Ballet is setting up shop in the Labatt's Apollo in west London, a theatre better known as a rock venue. The season (Sept 24-Oct 18) is launched with the unbeatable team of Sylvie Guillem and Jonathan Cope in *Romeo and Juliet*. *Giselle* and *The Sleeping Beauty* follow later.

City Ballet of London, the company formed out of the ashes of London City Ballet, unveils its new *Sleeping Beauty* (Orchard, Dartford, Sept 18) before going on tour. Northern Ballet Theatre celebrates the tenth anniversary of Christopher Gable's directorship with his 1930s-style *Giselle* (Lyceum, Sheffield, Sept 29).

The iconoclastic choreographer Matthew Bourne, who rewrote *Swan Lake* for a whole new generation of dancegoers, is setting his new version of *Cinderella* in the Blitz. It stars Sarah Wildor, Adam Cooper and the inimitable Lynn Seymour (Piccadilly Theatre, from Sept 22).

Medieval England and France provide the setting for David Bintley's full-length *Edward II*, which receives its British premiere (Birmingham Hippodrome, Oct 9) launching Birmingham Royal Ballet's season. The story of the tormented homosexual monarch, based on Christopher Marlowe's 1592 play, is billed as "probably the most violent, disturbing and bloody ballet ever created".

English National Ballet, meanwhile, has a new *Nutcracker* courtesy of Derek Deane, who promises one or two surprises. It premieres at the Mayflower in Southampton (Nov 13) and moves to the Coliseum (Dec 8-Jan 10).

Dance Umbrella 97 (Oct 21-Nov 15, various London venues) sees the return of the Stephen Petronio Company from New York and also features the belated British debut of one of France's leading choreographers, Maguy Marin. And the Belfast Festival (Nov 14-30) scores a real coup by presenting the UK premiere of Merce Cunningham's *Ocean*, the last collaboration between Cunningham and John Cage.

National Nunn

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

This autumn, Trevor Nunn takes over the National, the RSC returns to the Barbican after summering in the regions, and, as if to ensure that not all prospects please, Peter Hall departs the Old Vic after a season to remember.

Nunn will himself be directing two productions: Ibsen's *Enemy of the People* with Ian McKellen as balky Stockmann (Sept 19) and *Mutabilitie* (Nov 20), a new play by Frank McGuinness set in Elizabethan Ireland and likely to demonstrate why not every Emerald Islander has rapturous feelings about the English. But the major event at the National is surely Richard Eyre's valedictory production of the new Tom Stoppard, a play about A.E. Housman's Oxford, called *The Invention of Love* (Oct 1).

The RSC's Stratford season continues with the twin openings this week of Antony Sher in *Cyrano de Bergerac* and Michael Sheen in *Henry V*. The latter production moves to London (Nov 6), and will be followed there by Matthew Warchus's eccentric *Hamlet* (Dec 4) and Ian Judge's *Merry Wives of Windsor* (Dec 17). But an equally important date for Barbican-watchers is October 15. That's when the great Ninagawa opens *Shintoku-Maru*, a Japanese play with echoes of *Oedipus* and *Phaedra*.

Down at the Vic, soon to be sold, Peter Hall presents three contemporary pieces, notably Chris Hannan's *Shining Souls* (Nov 10), which has already impressed Scots audiences with its scathingly funny portrayal of the Glasgow street scene. Nothing in the West End can compensate for the enforced ending of as adventurous a season of rep as the commercial theatre has ever seen; but the West End is hardly barren this autumn.

Maggie Smith and Eileen Atkins are back onstage in Edward Albee's *A Delicate Balance* (Haymarket, Oct 21), in some critics' view as fine a piece as the same author's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*. Simon McBurney of Theatre de Complicite will be directing Geraldine McEwan in Ionesco's absurdist *Chair* (Duke of York's, Nov 24) as part of a city-wide festival of French drama. But expect most fuss and hype for Ruthie Henshall as a celebrity murderess in Kander and Ebb's *Chicago* (Adelphi, Nov 18), revived last year with huge success on Broadway.

Out of town, look for Zoë Wanamaker in Sophocles's *Electra* (Chichester, Sept 18, transferring to the Donmar), Pete Postlethwaite as a touring *Macbeth* (Bristol Old Vic, Oct 14), Janet Suzman's production of South African Brecht, *The Good Woman of Sharkville* (West Yorkshire, Leeds, Oct 16) and the opening of Terry Hands's regime at Theatre Clwyd with his own revival of Peter Shaffer's *Equus* (Oct 2).

From Max to McCartney

MUSIC

Richard Morrison

Step forward, two of Britain's brightest composers. James MacMillan — radical, Catholic, ardent nationalist — is the subject of *Raising Sparks* (Sept 28-Oct 26), a festival at the South Bank in London. In addition the London Symphony Orchestra is premiering MacMillan's *Vigil Symphony* at the Barbican (Sept 28).

Thomas Adès is a cooler customer; his music is ironic and ingenious. Simon Rattle conducts the premiere of his *Asyla* with the CBSO in Birmingham (Oct 1); and a new work by Adès is also in the 30th-birthday season of the London Sinfonietta (Queen Elizabeth Hall, Nov 15).

Other new music? Well, a promising chap called Paul McCartney will unveil his Celtic-tinged choral epic, *Standing Stone* (Albert Hall, Oct 14). Peter Maxwell Davies also has a new choral work, *The Rising* (Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, Oct 16), marking the 250th anniversary of the 1745 Rebellion. Mathematicians will point out that Max is a little late; others may feel that his timing is spot on to catch the rising tide of Scottish devolution.

John Eliot Gardiner continues his fine *Schumann Revealed* project (Barbican, Oct 3-5). Also at the Barbican is *Visions of Albion* (Oct), celebrating the 125th anniversary of Vaughan Williams's birth. Meanwhile, the backbone of the London Philharmonic's Festival Hall series is a Prokofiev Festival (Nov 25-Dec 3).

Finally, all eyes on three new brooms. The Philharmonia has its first full season under the direction of the stern Christoph von Dohnányi (Festival Hall). The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic will be hoping that the Czech maestro Petr Altrichter proves a worthy successor to his compatriot Libor Pešek. And in Glasgow the underrated Alexander Lazarev starts as principal conductor of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

Our homeless Royal Opera finds its first temporary refuge in the spectacularly refurbished Barbican Theatre. A defiantly bullish programme of six new productions between now and Christmas will be previewed on this page tomorrow.

English National Opera moves into top gear next Monday (Sep 15) with its new music director Paul Daniel conducting *The Flying Dutchman* with Willard White; Daniel follows this with Janáček's *From the House of the Dead*, now in a double-bill with Mark-Anthony Turnage's dramatic song-cycle *Twice Through the Heart* (Oct 20).

Welsh National kicks off on Friday with a new *Fidelio* conducted by Carlo Rizzi, followed swiftly with Sir Charles Mackerras conducting *La clemenza di Tito* (Sept 24), and later by David Alden's neo-Eurotrash version of *L'incoronazione di Poppea* (Dec 11). Opera North starts on Saturday with a powerfully cast revival of Philip Prowse's brilliant *Aida*, and proceeds with the most eagerly awaited autumn production: Martinů's haunting dream opera *Julietta*, in a staging by David Pountney and Stefanos Lazaridis (Oct 3). And Scottish Opera cautiously starts with a revival of *Norma* (Sep 16), followed by Kenny Ireland's new production of *Rigoletto* with the Macedonian baritone Boris Trajanov in the title role (Sep 30).

The Donizetti bicentenary has not been lavishly marked, but two concerts are essential: the RO's premiere (Dec 16, Festival Hall) of *Elisabetta*, whose autograph was found mouldering in Covent Garden, and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment playing *Linda di Chamounix*, conducted by Mark Elder (Nov 21, Festival Hall; Nov 24, Birmingham).

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LONDON

BBC PROMS: In the first of the evening's two programmes (7pm) Claus Peter Flor conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra with the BBC Symphony Chorus and the Philharmonia Chorus in Mendelssohn's *Symphony No 5*, and Brahms's *A German Requiem*. Soloists are the soprano Solveig Kringelborn and baritone Peter Mattei. In the late-evening concert (10pm) Sir Simon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Wind Ensemble in a double bill of Mozart. Organ soloist is Thomas Trotter
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) ♿

AN ENCHANTED LAND: Ex-prostitute mother, virginal daughter and village womaniser caught in a tangle of jealousy and voodoo on Haiti. Joseph Blatchley directs this new play by Dale Wasserman, author of the stage version of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (0181-741 2255). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Fri, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 7 30pm. Until October 11 ♿

THE FARMER'S BRIDE. Ged McKenna's play for Wild Iris, seen at Scarborough last summer and soon to go on a national tour. In the First World War, a newly married woman flees her husband and finds love in the house of her best friend, whose own husband is at the front. Polly Irvin directs
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223) *Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 6pm. Until Sept 28.* ♿

NOW YOU SQUEEZE IT: Kick-off for a three-day minifestival offering accordion lovers a chance to sample the many styles and cultures which have embraced the glorious squeezebox, otherwise known as the "Steinway of the stomach". Performers from eight countries will take part, and first on the programme tonight is Régis Gizavo from Madagascar, followed by Kimmo Pohjonen from Helsinki.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: Tonight's concert by the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** offers an opportunity to hear Cardiff composer Charlie Barber's recent BBC NOW commission, *Shut Up And Dance*. This is teamed with two further *recent works: a world premiere of a* clarinet concerto by Graham Fitkin and a violin concerto by John Adams. Grant Llewellyn conducts.
Coal Exchange, Mt Stewart Square, (01446 794848). Tonight, 7.30pm

Zoë Wanamaker plays Electra at Chichester

CHICHESTER: Zoë Wanamaker plays Sophocles's remorseless heroine, **Electra,** urging her brother Orestes (Andrew Howard) to kill their mother Clytemnestra (Marjorie Yates). David Leveaux directs
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, (01243 781312). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Sept 22, 7 45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thur and Sat, 2.45pm. Until September 27. ♿

MANCHESTER: The first of three concerts this week in which the Hallé Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth performs *Slavonic Dances* by Dvořák, Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 and Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*. Violin soloist is Dong-Suk Kang.
Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley Street, (0161-907 9000). Tonight, Thur and Sun, 7.30pm. ♿

STRATFORD: Antony Sher plays the poet with the nose in Gregory Doran's centenary production of Edmond Rostand's tragi-comic romance, **Cyrano de Bergerac**. Alexandra Gilbreath plays his unsuspecting love, Roxane.
Swan, Waterside (01789 295623). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs (Sept 18, 25) and Sat, 1.30pm. Until September 27. Then on tour until November

LONDON GALLERIES

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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■ **AMY'S VIEW**: Judi Dench and Samantha Bond in David Hare's perceptive new play, exploring a strong mother-daughter tie in the years from 1979. Richard Eyre directs.
National (Lyttelton), *South Bank, SE1* (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7 30pm. In rep

☐ ***THE BIBLE: THE COMPLETE*** **WORD OF GOD (ABRIDGED)**: Another compression job by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, said to put the fun back into fundamentalism
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **CANTERBURY TALES**: New version by Richard Hope of what the Miller, the Knight, the Reeve and the Pardoner told, directed by John Cotgrave. Probably not untouched by anachronism.
New End, *27 New End, Hampstead*, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3 30pm. Until September 28.

☐ **THE CENSOR:** *Alastair Galbraith*, Alison Newman and Jan Pearson in Anthony Neilson's strong study of a deeply anxious film censor and his murky longings. Admirably staged.
Royal Court Theatre Upstairs (Ambassadors), West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until September 27

◪ **A CHASTE MAID IN CHEAPSIDE.** Ironic title for Middleton's funniest comedy: greed, lust and just a touch of love. Mark Rylance plays Allwit, the *contented cuckold*.
Globe, New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-316 4703). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep.

☐ ***THE COMEDY OF ERRORS***: Tim Supple's successful touring production for the Royal Shakespeare Company, a darker comedy than usual, in London for five weeks
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until October 11.

☐ **HEARTBREAK HOUSE**: Strong cast for David Hare's revival includes Emma Fielding, Patricia Hodge, Carmel McSharry, Penelope Wilton, Richard Griffiths, Peter McEnery.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 3pm. Until October 11.

☐ **HURLYBURLY**: West End transfer for the first hit from Peter Hall's Old Vic company. David Rabe's savagely funny play about Californian men behaving very badly indeed. Wilson Milam directs an excellent cast led by Rupert Graves, Jenny Seagrove, Andy Serkis and David Tennant.
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L'APPARTEMENT (15): Lovelorn twentysomethings tie themselves in knots. Ebullient French trifle, with Vincent Cassel and Romane Bohringer. Director, Gilles Mimouni
Renoir (0171-837 8402)

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Anthony Neilson's play drew some stunned and stunning reviews when the Royal Court first staged it in June. The same right-wing newspaper that a century ago notoriously denounced Ibsen's *Ghosts* as a "wretched, deplorable, loathsome history" managed to find *The Censor* "poignant, funny, brilliantly controlled and profound". Since the piece includes scenes in which a man and a woman energetically feel each other up, and he masturbates while she defecates, something has clearly changed in the 100-odd years since critics such as Clement Scott ruled the boulevards.

Something, but not nearly enough: or so Neilson believes. Indeed, he seems to think that the spectre of Scott still walks abroad, freezing our lives and compromising our art. The reason I cannot quite go along with him is not, I hope, because I am in the emotional grip of a great-aunt who (yes, really) found sex so distressing that she bathed with her clothes on, could only read the *Children's Newspaper*, and refused invitations to weddings on account of the naughty stuff about bodies and worship. It is rather that the play — although finely written, sometimes funny, occasionally poignant, and well worth reviving — is lacking in the profundity department.

The bare, shadowy stage, with a vast fan turning overhead, has a Pinterish look. The situation has a Pinterish feel too. At times, Alastair Galbraith's wispy, haggard film censor has curt, unsatisfactory exchanges with Alison Newman, playing his frustrated, adulterous wife. At times he half-willingly submits to the intellectual and erotic wiles of Jan Pearson's Miss Fontaine, the director of a movie he has banned for being way over the pornographic limit. Whatever happens, the latter's diagnosis of him as a "repressed, anally fixated apparatchik" with an impotence problem looks to be correct.

Glib stuff? Maybe. But Neilson is not merely exposing the psychopathology of censorship, or suggesting that blue-pencil-pushers are punishing others for their own fears and weaknesses. Pearson's stealthy, watchful Miss Fontaine seems meant to be a positive force for good. She uncovers the censor's coprophiliac fantasies, declares them "beautiful" and helps him to express them. She insists that, since sex expresses feeling and character, there may sometimes be more to sexually explicit movies than he thinks. Finally, she looks forward to a world so at ease with its private parts that shame goes, guilt goes, "and the good humane people we've criminalised and traumatised will be recognised as visionaries".

Oh yes? I don't think many porn merchants are greatly concerned with subtexts, or many of their customers much interested in the semiotics of the penis. And I had supposed that Miss Fontaine's brand of Reichian utopianism had evaporated with the 1960s. After all, not every prisoner on Rule 43 is that good and humane. Some are living proof that sexual fulfilment for one person means pain and damage for another.

Perhaps Neilson acknowledges this in an offstage denouement that leaves the censor shattered and Miss Fontaine still worse off; perhaps not. Either way, mark up *The Censor* as a tense, bold play with a little too much of the sexual soapbox in its dramatic make-up.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER

Jan Pearson (Miss Fontaine) bends the censor (Alastair Galbraith) to her way of thinking in the revival of Anthony Neilson's controversial play

Iron curtain goes up on old Nicolae

A joint British-Romanian play opens tonight in Bristol, to crossed fingers all round. **Jeremy Kingston** reports

Until now my foreign assignments had not taught me how to send secret messages to an imprisoned theatre director. But I learnt a way of doing this in Constanta, Romania's Black Sea port, after dinner in an old house that only Ceausescu's death had saved from the bulldozers clearing the ground for yet another desolate apartment block.

The director was Lucian Iancu, who now runs the Teatrul Dramatic (Dramatic Theatre) in Constanta, and was running it 13 years ago until he was captured, trying to escape the country by boat. He was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, and for the first six months was kept in solitary confinement with chains on his wrists and ankles.

To explain how she had communicated with him, his wife, Viorica, tried to lift the printed label from the top of a matchbox with a knife. Matches were one of the few articles she was permitted to send to him, and she would cover a scrap of paper with tiny writing and slide it beneath the label. But the knife was too blunt. "I used to do it, but now I can't," she said — and, as life continues to improve, she may never need to do so again.

Only eight years have passed since Romanians lived under a malevolent tyranny. How they live today is ill-known in Britain and, although several theatre productions have successfully toured here, the plays they have brought have been classics, tragedies by Shakespeare and assorted Greeks — powerful images of a nation ruled by a madman, but what about the here and now?

Four years ago Clarie Middleton, now a producer but then still working at the British Council, was sent to a conference in Romania. There she met Iancu, at that time waiting to resume his former position at Constanta, and the two hit it off so well that a plan began evolving for a co-production between the Teatrul Dramatic and a British company. "I wanted to avoid the usual import-export relationship — 'Oh, that's a pretty little Romanian production: let's bring it over here,'" Middleton says. "I wanted us to work on it together from the beginning."

She brought the Iancus to Britain, where she introduced them to Theatre Centre, and to the writer Lin Coghlan and writer/director Philip Osment. A plan to co-produce with Theatre Centre did not work out, so she looked around, contacted Bristol Old Vic and it is there that *With Love From Nicolae*, the fruit of months of workshopping, rewrites and casting in two countries, opens tonight. The British Council helped to fund the development process; the Arts Council is supporting the tour in this country (to Darlington, Bracknell and Halifax), to be followed by a tour in Romania.

Two British actors, Nicola Redmond and Jonah Russell, play a mother and son who come from London to Constanta hoping to trace his Romanian father, and four Romanian actors play three generations of the family they meet there. Although the contrasts between Britain and Romania delight the mother, they bore and irritate the son, so that at first the visit looks certain to end in disaster.

Coghlan's strong sense of place and mood was evident in her play *Waking*, which opened the new Soho Theatre last March (also with Redmond), and a reading of an almost final draft of the new play reveals those same qualities again, along with touches of the uncanny.

There is also the comedy of mutual misunderstanding, and in this context Lucian Iancu explained: "We wanted to destroy clichés on both sides — what the British think of Romanians, and what Romanians think of the British. Being so closed up from the world, up to the Revolution, we have been thinking in clichés. Now we want to do away with that and see the world as it is. And our way of doing this in the play is to show two families from different worlds meeting. The effect of communication is a part of the play."

Research for the play included exercises with schoolchildren in Constanta and Bristol, asking them to describe their first day at school, their last day and a reunion ten years later. The differences were striking. One group imagined itself married, having jobs and looking forward in hope; the other group expected to be unemployed and divorced. Guess which was which.

Since workshopping is not the usual practice in Romania, some actors were made uneasy by the prospect, and Osment found the casting "quite a long process". However, at the workshop I was invited to attend, under a vine trailing along a terrace in Constanta's old quarter, the four he had chosen seemed undaunted at having to use a foreign language to share ideas about their characters. Insights came freely from both the British lot and the Romanians. At Bristol we shall be finding out if Iancu's "different worlds meeting" can go on from workshop and performance to an audience in the wider world.

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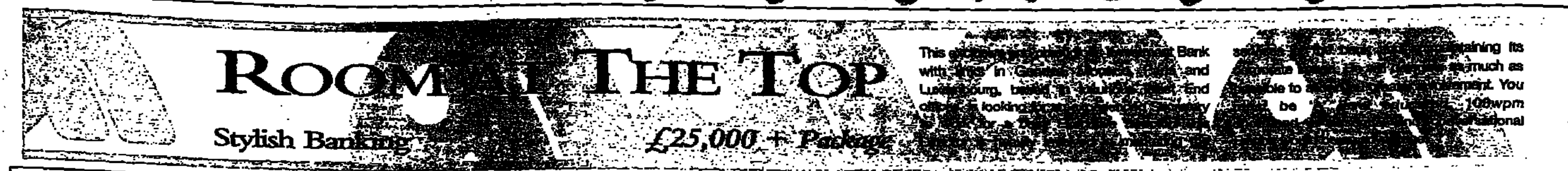

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Joan Llewelyn Owens reports on the secretaries for whom money is not the most important factor

For some secretaries money is not the primary consideration. A congenial environment matters far more. Best of all is a job which relates to their personal interests — in the arts and media, the environment, education, politics or helping the sick and underprivileged.

A number express a distinct distaste for the commercial world. Permanent Prospects is one of several recruitment agencies specialising in the non-commercial sector. Managing director Maggie Heap says: "I think the people who come to register here have some kind of moral conscience. Money is not a high priority and they want to contribute to society. A phrase that comes up a lot is, 'I would prefer to do some good than help to line shareholders' pockets'."

Do such people lose out financially? Certainly they are not paid as much as a secretary in the financial sector, but they claim to have a great deal more job satisfaction.

Do you have to go without if you work for a charity? Vicki Pulman, of the Charities Aid Foundation, says it is difficult to draw conclusions about pay. There are 180,000 registered charities, but around 20 per cent of them are responsible for raising 80 per cent of the income of the voluntary sector. Fundraising has recently become increasingly businesslike and competitive, and salaries have risen accordingly. Most of the remaining charities are tiny organisations with limited resources; they fear the introduction of a minimum wage.

"Charities are having to pay the going rate to get the right quality of people, and good secretaries are in short supply," says Vivienne Copeland, of Reward Group. A survey of the charity sector last November showed that a director's secretary averaged £15,500 (lowest £11,000, highest £24,000) and a manager's secretary £13,500 (£8,300-£22,000).

The RSPCA, one of the largest employers in Horsham, West Sussex, felt its pay rates were comparable with other local employers. Rachel Flower, personnel officer with Blue Cross, thought much the same. Both these animal charities said they had many job applicants who were animal lovers. Both allowed staff to bring their dogs to work, an added attraction of the job.

Olive Gearing, Oxfam's press officer, says that people work for them "because of the righteousness of our cause, but we don't pay a pittance". Money certainly doesn't motivate Diana Bray, 27, who provides secretarial support for six unit managers in the Oxfam appeals department. She had previously held a number of secretarial posts both in the UK and in Hong Kong, where she was born. Asked whether she gets less than she would in commerce, she answers: "Salary is not an issue for me."

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Ms Bray likes being with Oxfam because it makes such a difference to people's lives. Another big plus is being able to work with dedicated, compassionate people, who are professional in their approach. "Oxfam's income comes from donations, so we feel a big responsibility to the donors and to the people we work with in countries around the world. I think that this makes us very conscientious."

Another field in which money is less important is the arts. Dare Campbell, chief executive of the Grosvenor Bureau, says that people will work for a pittance in an arts organisation, particularly if it is connected with the theatre. (Last week the Royal National Theatre advertised for a secretary to the casting department. Enquiries revealed that the pay would be £13,500-£14,500, and some 40-50 applications were likely.)

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People who train as medical secretaries do so, again, because they want to help people. Gloria Shersby was a secretary in Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children before becoming education secretary of the Institute of Medical Secretaries, Practice Managers and Receptionists. "Though practice managers are paid quite well," she says, "secretaries earn considerably less in the medical field than in commerce. They do it for love. It is a very rewarding job, though you may get to the point where you can't stand the bureaucracy."

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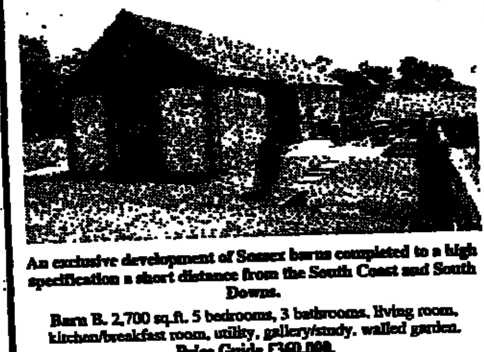

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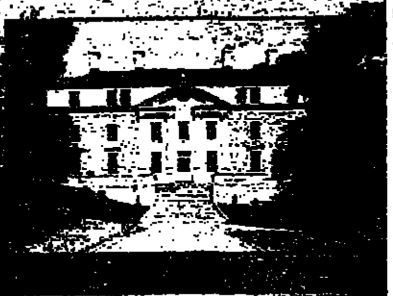

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Michael Binyon explains the diplomatic niceties

Not every diplomatic residence is a fine white house in Belgrave Square. Ambassadors from Britain's oldest and richest allies usually do live in splendid houses, acquired long ago when land was cheap and dinner parties were held on a grand scale. But third secretaries from smaller countries must make do with what their embassy budget can afford. And that is more likely to be a four-bedroom semi in Putney than a penthouse suite in Chelsea.

London has one of the world's largest diplomatic corps — about 3,700 accredited embassy officials. Their housing demands, needs and standards make a big impact on the local market, and often determine not only rent levels in the private sector but also the general standing of certain favourite streets.

The Foreign Office no longer has the personnel or money to advise embassies and the marshal of the diplomatic corps is marginally involved, and then only when the police need to assess whether diplomatic housing can be given proper protection. There is, however, a wealth of local knowledge in embassy housing departments, passed down from one diplomat to another. Several London estate agents specialise in diplomatic housing.

Four main considerations determine the kind of house a diplomat will pick: security, access, comfort and price. All want the best: a big house with large rooms for entertaining, a garden, and not far from the centre, preferably in Kensington or Westminster. For most, the price is too high. A few embassies that bought houses years ago, when the market was down, can now afford to run opulent homes for their staff. But many rely on long-term rentals.

Agents specialising in diplomatic rentals give three broad price ranges: £300, £600 and £1,000 a week. The first category will almost cover a two-bedroom flat in a portered mansion block with a lift in Drayton Gardens, SW3. Or it would pay for "the perfect property for a single diplomat or couple" in walking distance of Richmond station. A three-bedroom flat with garden near Hyde Park would cost £600, a stylish one-bedroom penthouse in a refurbished block in Sloane Street £670. At the top end of the market is a four-bedroom, unfurnished mews house near Eaton Square, a six-bedroom Victorian house in west London or an unfurnished four-bedroom flat in a mansion block in Gloucester Road.

It is not always so straightforward. The Greek Embassy recalls a case a few years ago. A diplomat was about to rent a fine house in Chelsea. His wife and children were delighted and the contract was ready to sign. At the last moment the owner's solicitor advised against any letting to individuals with diplomatic immunity. No guarantee from the embassy would change his mind. The moral, most embassies and housing agents say, is that diplomats should always find a reliable agent first. Property and letting laws differ widely, and the rights of tenants and landlords in Cairo or Copenhagen might not be the same in London.

> Few embassies from the Third World can afford a Saudi-level rent

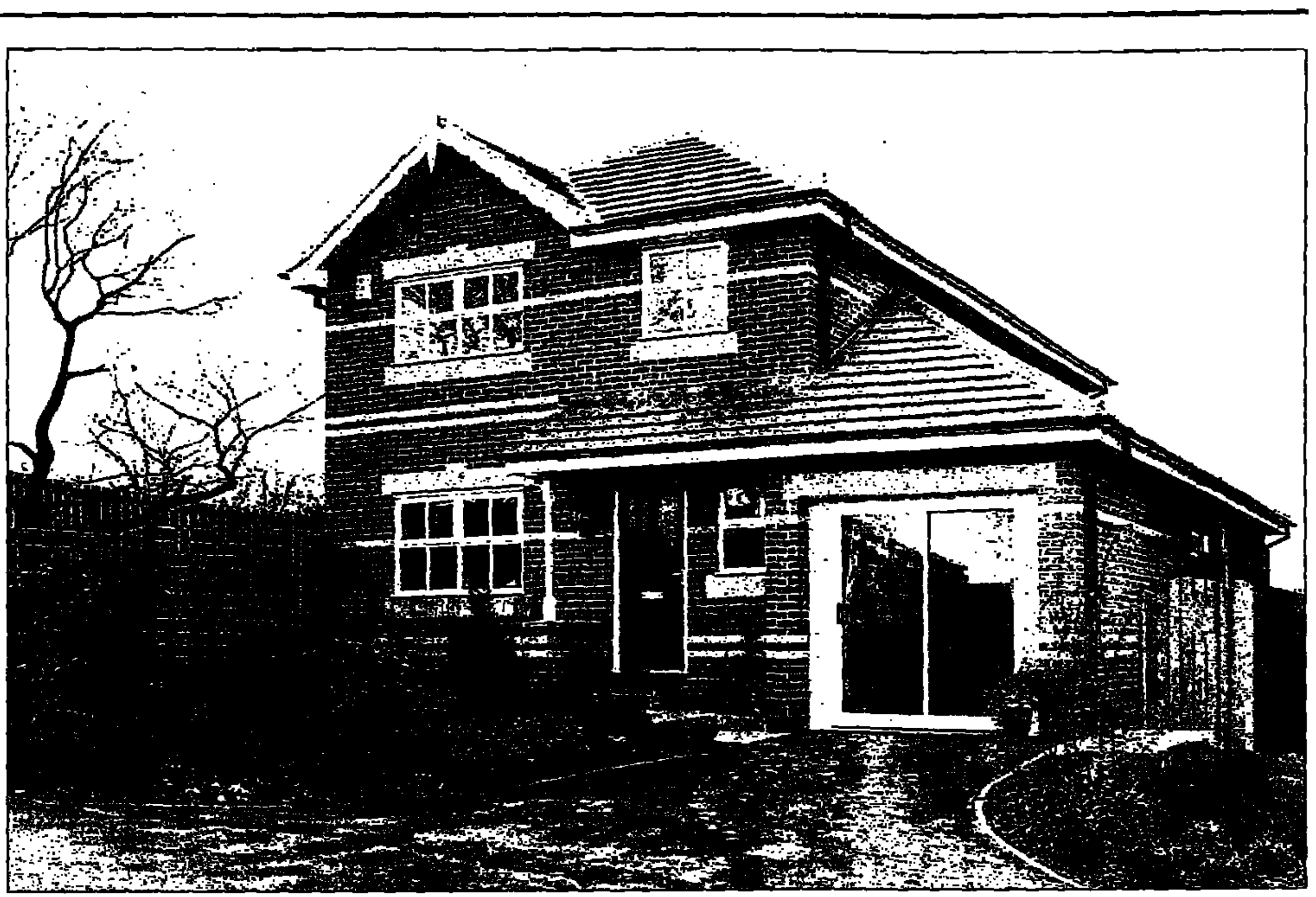
Another problem is that few diplomats are prepared for the speed of decision-making required. It is no good seeing a house and deciding to come back two weeks later after taking advice: decisions must be made within hours of viewing. And there might be some haggling, or extras and special clauses that may not exist in the diplomat's home country.

A determining factor is not the monthly rent or size of dining room, but the distance from the community school. Many Germans live around Richmond because the Deutsche Schule there is one of the biggest outside Germany. The prestige new building houses a school that has become very much part of the local community, drawing people from far and wide for its Christmas fair. Norwegians tend to cluster in Wimbledon, site of the Norwegian school. The French favour Gloucester Road and west London, within striking distance of the Lycée. And the American School in London, in St John's Wood, makes northwest London a favourite for the huge American community.

The Foreign Office may not be officially involved any more in helping diplomats to find their feet in London, but it is generous with private advice. And the most important message the protocol department gives newcomers is to watch their costs. London is one of the most expensive housing markets in the world. But many diplomats demand impressive addresses or stylish houses. Few from the Third World can afford the kind of residence the Swedish or Saudi governments can offer their staff. All too often they sign contracts and find later that either they cannot keep up the payments or that word gets back to their home governments, which decide that their diplomats are costing too much. If this leads to unpaid rents, court cases or even a midnight flit, the Foreign Office invariably gets drawn in to pick up the pieces.

Letting to an established embassy can bring great advantages. The embassy will usually guarantee its employees; it is meticulous in paying for any damage; and it wants a smooth relationship that reflects well on its own standing.

Not surprisingly, a large number of the private landlords are themselves British diplomats posted abroad. They know the demands of the job, the constraints of the law and the kind of features that other diplomatic tenants are looking for. And at least they can be assured that the garden will usually be neatly kept, the house properly cleaned and the dining room the site of many a gathering of the eminent.



The Wentworth 2000, a four-bedroom detached house near the site of the old Cortonwood colliery. Four show homes have been completed

Make mine a new house

Katherine Bergen reports on the development reviving a mining valley's fortunes

When the last miner in 1985 turned off the lights at Cortonwood, one of South Yorkshire's biggest pits, few would have guessed that years later it would become a residential area. But close to a former coal tip that served the Cortonwood colliery, private homes are being built by St Paul's Developments.

Cortonwood lies on the west side of the Dearne Valley, an area of 23 square miles and 80,000 people nestling in a triangle formed by Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham. You will not find it on the map. Only now, since the persistence of the Dearne Valley Partnership, a grant-funded organisation formed to restore the valley's fortunes, have the cartographers decided to include it on their future maps.

The former pit dominated the area around Wombwell, near Barnsley. It may have lacked the charm of its brass band-loving and larger neighbour Grimethorpe, but in its heyday it employed 800 miners and produced nearly a million tonnes of coal a year.

But now the pithead and workings are long gone, as are all reminders of the 1984-85 strike in which the Conservative Government waged a battle with the National Union of Mineworkers. Cortonwood has been transformed by St Paul's, who bought the site from British Coal soon after it closed. According to Mel Burrell, its managing director, the area should look to the future, rather than its past.

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Dickie Bird recalls how a gentle introduction to Test cricket was followed by controversy

When Fagg caused crisis at Edgbaston

Bird as one of the senior umpires during the 1995 season

Soon after I retired from first-class cricket, J. J Warr, the former Middlesex and England fast bowler, asked me if I had ever thought about becoming an umpire. I just laughed at him.

"What, me?" I said. "You've got to be joking."

However, it set me thinking and the more I thought about it, the more I liked the idea. After all, I said to myself, being an umpire was the next best thing to actually playing the game. And I would still be involved in first-class cricket, which I had missed.

Of course, people who knew me well, such as Ray Illingworth, Michael Parkinson and Geoffrey Boycott, all said I had such a nervous nature that never in a million years would I make a good umpire.

The amazing thing is that I changed completely. I lost all those nerves. I told myself that I was going to make a success of it, and that I was going to relax and enjoy it at the same time. I was going to smile, have a good laugh. As well as enjoying myself as an umpire, I was determined to earn the respect of the players. I would be willing to share a joke with them on the field, but not allow it to go too far.

In one early match Surrey were playing Hampshire at Guildford and the Hampshire captain, Richard Gilliat, was batting. A short ball from my end was lofted miles high into the air, so I ran from my position behind the stumps and followed the ball right to the boundary's edge, where I tried to catch it. I had momentarily forgotten that I was no longer a player, but an umpire. The ball just cleared the ropes and, as it did so, realising what had happened, I turned and signalled a six to the scorers. Talk about keeping up with play!

That reminds me of the time I was fielding down at third man for Leicestershire. I raced round to field the ball when I suddenly slipped. I flew straight into the pavilion railings and my head became stuck fast. I couldn't move. The ground was in uproar. The players couldn't do anything for laughing. In the end the game had to be held up until they found a joiner to get my head out.

On another occasion I was standing at a match between Yorkshire and Kent at Headingley when Richard Hutton was about to bowl to Stuart Leary, Kent's South African batsman. "Just watch out, Dickie," Leary said, "I'm going to hit his first and fifth balls over midwicket for six."

"Bet you won't," I answered.

Richard bowled the first delivery; Stuart swung his bat and the ball soared many a mile over the leg-side boundary for six. I raised both arms in half surrender. The next three were dot balls, and as Richard prepared to send down the fifth I kept saying to myself, "Nah, he'll not do it again — he can't do it again." Hutton bowled, Stuart swung and the ball sailed over the boundary. I couldn't help but jump up and down in excitement. "Eh, look at that," I cried out. "He's bloody done it."

After just two years on the county circuit I received a letter, in November 1972, saying that I had been appointed to the Test match panel. I was proud to find that my first Test, between England and New Zealand in 1973, would be at my home ground of Headingley. When I decided to become an umpire I always hoped and prayed that one day I would be able to stand in a Test match, and now here I was, the third youngest Test umpire in the history of the English game.

It was a tremendous thrill when I walked out at Headingley, and I got a marvellous reception from a full house. I had to loosen my top button because it felt like I was going into a hot oven. Even the most experienced players were tense. It was nerve-racking, yet exciting at the same time.

I felt even better after making my first leg-before decision. I knew it was the right one, but it still gave me a funny feeling to see all the players on the balcony vanish into the dressing-room as if by magic, so that they could watch the playback on television, to make sure I had got it right!

I had developed a habit of offering my white coat to any barracker who thought he could do better, but never imagined I would dare do so in front of all those television viewers and the game's dignitaries. When the opportunity arose on the first morning, however, I could not resist it. A lively character by the name of Ronald Griffiths, who had brought some West Indian gaiety and wit to the Test scene, saw fit to criticise my decision to signal for a wide by Chris Old. "Give the lad a chance," he yelled out.

Showing Ian Bishop how he overstepped

Quick as a flash, without pausing to think what I was doing, I took off my umpire's jacket and invited Ronald out to put it on. The crowd howled, and that helped reduce the tension even more. Now I really did begin to feel at home.

I had been appointed to two Tests in that summer of 1973. The second, in a split tour, was between England and West Indies at Edgbaston in August, and, from an umpiring point of view, it turned out to be one of the most eventful Tests ever played in this country.

> 'Arthur was so incensed that he refused to take up his position'

For the first time in the history of Test cricket an umpire said he was packing up and going home in the middle of a game. Arthur Fagg was so incensed about the behaviour of the West Indies captain, Rohan Kanhai, that he refused to take his position on the third morning.

What sparked it all off was an appeal for a catch behind the wicket. Early in his innings Geoff Boycott played forward to Keith Boyce and there was a tremendous shout. They all went up, but Arthur Fagg was unimpressed. "Not out," he said.

Kanhai took the decision badly. He stamped and stormed around, and generally caused quite a scene. I could see Arthur was upset by Kanhai's reaction. He hardly spoke a word in the dressing-room at the end of the day's play, and showered and changed clearly in a state of distress. "Don't let it get to you, Arthur," I said to him. "You'll feel a lot better when you've had a good night's sleep." He just shook my hand, and we went our separate ways, he to his hotel, me to mine.

It was only when I came down to breakfast the following morning and saw all the headlines that I realised just how serious the situation was. One of them screamed, "TEST UMPIRE IN 'I'LL QUIT' THREAT". When Arthur had walked away from the dressing-room to the car park the previous evening he had been surrounded by the national press, and because he was so upset he had probably said things he should not have said.

When I met Arthur back at the ground on that third day he said to me: "Dickie, lad, I'm going to take no further part in this game unless I get an apology from Rohan Kanhai for his behaviour yesterday. If he doesn't apologise, then they can get someone else.

"If they won't accept decisions there is no point carrying on. Why should I? I'm nearly 60. I don't have to live with this kind of pressure. I had to live with it for 2½ hours out there. People don't realise how bad it has become."

As I listened, it was clear that Arthur was in a very emotional state. He was one of England's leading umpires, and here was I, a mere novice at that level, trying to console him, to lift him. But there seemed so little I could do. When no apology was forthcoming Arthur said: "Right, that's it. I'm packing my bags. I'm off."

By this time all the television and press people were trying to crowd their way into the room, eager to know what was happening. It was sheer bedlam.

I took Arthur into a corner, sat with him, and tried to persuade him to change his mind. "Look here, Arthur," I reasoned. "I do know how you must feel, but you've got to go out there."

He was adamant. "No way. Not unless I get an apology."

I was staggered. It suddenly struck me that I would have to go out there and stand at both ends. I could not believe that all this was happening to me in only my second Test.

I went to see Leslie Deakins, the secretary of Warwickshire, and Alec Bedser, the chairman of selectors, told them what the situation was, and asked for someone to stand at square leg. They decided to call on Warwickshire's coach, Alan Oakman, the former Sussex and England player, who had also been a first-class umpire.

The game got under way, with Alan at square leg, and me taking both ends.

After a short while, to Alan's relief, there was suddenly another tremendous roar, and Arthur came walking out into the middle, booed by the large West Indian contingent in the packed house, and cheered by the England supporters.

That was not the only problem during the match. We also had trouble dealing with time-wasting and intimidatory bowling. Arthur and I had a chat in the middle and decided that we were not going to stand for it any longer. We really read the riot act, telling both parties that we wanted them to play the rest of the Test match in a good spirit, and they did. It was a wonderful game of cricket after that.

When the game was over Kanhai was the first man to shake Arthur Fagg by the hand. Whether he actually apologised I don't know, but, in any case, the damage had been done. Arthur was never the same man, and never really recovered. He became ill soon afterwards and never umpired another Test match. It was all very, very sad. But that trouble-torn Test did me nothing but good. Because I had stood up to them I must have earned the West Indies' respect, because shortly afterwards I received a telegram from Lord's telling me that I had been appointed to stand in the final match of the series.

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MacLaurin asks counties to vote for two divisions

BY ALAN LEE
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COUNTY committees still wavering on the future of the county championship were given a powerful lead yesterday when Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), went public with his personal support for a two-division system.

Until now, Lord MacLaurin has maintained a diplomatic neutrality on the most contentious issue of his proposals for the English game. Now, however, before the vote next Monday, he believes that he must promote the most radical but logical reform available.

"Everything about the two-divisional set-up is right and, at this stage, I feel I should say so," he said. "All sensible cricket lovers, who realise the way the game has to go in order to flourish, will acknowledge there is only one route to be taken."

Speaking to *The Times* from Spain, Lord MacLaurin explained that he had always had a strong preference for two divisions. "But when I first put it to the counties during our research period, 14 of the 18 said it was not on under any circumstances. So instead, we came up with what was clearly a fudge."

As Lord MacLaurin may have anticipated, the counties considered the complex scheme of three equal conferences for the championship and, in some cases, began to wonder if two fluid divisions was such a non-starter after all. Six counties forced an emergency meeting of the First Class Forum last week and Lord MacLaurin said that he was "very heartened by the positive response" to a switch to promotion and relegation.

With no guarantee of a simple majority, however, the executives of the ECB have offered a third option — a thinly disguised variation on the "no change" that Lord MacLaurin has always insisted could not be considered. It is the possibility that timid counties might embrace this compromise that has prompted the chairman to speak out.

"The counties were right to reject the conference system but now, I feel, they must retain their positive mood and back two divisions," he said. "The game has to be seen to be bigger than any local concerns and it takes big men to run it. I sense the county chairmen have begun to look forward and I will be very disappointed if they do not vote for this structure on Monday."

The race for the championship this season resumes today with Kent facing Yorkshire at Headingley looking for the victory that could bring them their first title since 1978. If they win and Glamorgan fail to defeat Essex at Cardiff, Kent might — depending on the distribution of bonus points — be champions by Saturday evening.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Kent (4)	15	7	4	4	39	52	220
Glamorgan (10)	15	6	2	7	42	49	208
Yorkshire (6)	15	6	2	7	36	49	202
Gloucs (13)	15	6	5	4	33	52	193
Warwicks (8)	15	6	2	7	26	45	188
Middlesex (9)	15	6	4	5	27	48	186
Surrey (3)	15	5	3	7	37	47	185
Worcs (7)	15	4	3	8	41	46	180
Essex (5)	15	5	5	5	37	47	179
Notts (17)	15	4	2	9	21	51	163
Leics (1)	15	3	1	11	32	46	159
Somerset (11)	15	2	2	11	35	56	156
Lancashire (15)	15	4	6	5	29	46	154
Northants (16)	15	3	5	7	27	42	138
Hampshire (14)	15	2	4	9	38	37	134
Durham (18)	15	2	6	7	21	48	122
Derbyshire (2)	15	1	8	6	27	54	115
Sussex (12)	15	1	9	5	21	51	103

(Last year's positions in brackets)

☐ *Worcestershire's and Kent's records include eight points as side batting last in a match in which the scores finished level*

REMAINING FIXTURES: **Kent:** Today: v Yorkshire (a) Sept 18: Surrey (h). **Glamorgan:** Today: v Essex (h) Sept 18: v Somerset (a). **Yorkshire:** Today: v Kent (h) Sept 18: v Derbyshire (a)

Martin steals Prichard's thunder

BARRY GREENWOOD

Cowan, who will tour the Caribbean with Atherton next winter, bowls to the England captain yesterday

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) bt Essex by six wickets

DESPITE a lavish innings of 103 from 100 balls by Paul Prichard, their captain, Essex were outplayed by Lancashire in the Axa Life League match at Old Trafford yesterday, where two of the home players advanced personal ambitions.

Peter Martin, with five for 41, took his total of wickets in the competition this season to 31, a Lancashire record, and, with one round of matches to go has three more than Shaun Udal, of Hampshire, in the race for a prize of £5,000. Two more catches for Warren Hegg increased his lead over Steven Rhodes, of Worcestershire, in the quest for the £2,000 awarded to the most successful wicketkeeper.

Prichard and Nasser Hussain added 119 in 20 overs for the Essex second wicket before the middle-order was swept aside by Martin, whose first three overs had cost 21 but also brought him the wicket of Stuart Law, who edged a legside catch to Hegg from the third ball he received.

Lancashire's reply was launched in style by Mike Watkinson and Mike Atherton, who raised 101 from 18 overs. Watkinson thrashed 66 from 58 balls before being caught at mid-wicket off Peter Such, who also accounted for the England captain. John Crawley, dropped by Prichard before he had scored, made Essex pay with a half-century from 49 balls, and Graham Lloyd weighed in with 42 from 37 balls.

Fittingly, Ian Austin, the county's player of the season as far as the members are concerned, was there at the finish as Lancashire won with six balls to spare, having been docked an over for their poor over-rate.

SCOREBOARD

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Lloyd b Green	103
S G Law c Hegg b Martin	0
N Hussain c Crawley b Watkinson	33
R C Irani b Martin	16
A P Grayson c Hegg b Chapple	22
D D J Robinson b Martin	21
G R Napier c Watkinson b Martin	5
A P Cowan lbw b Martin	9
M C Ilott not out	2
†B J Hyam not out	1
Extras (lb 6, w 10, nb 2)	18
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	230

P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-121, 3-152, 4-169, 5-205, 6-215, 7-215, 8-229

BOWLING: Austin 8-1-32-0; Martin 8-1-41-5; Green 8-0-47-1; Chapple 8-0-42-1; Yates 2-0-25-0; Watkinson 6-0-37-1

LANCASHIRE

*M Watkinson c Robinson b Such	66
M A Atherton c Cowan b Such	41
J P Crawley c Robinson b Cowan	51
G D Lloyd b Grayson	42
N H Fairbrother not out	12
I D Austin not out	7
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 2)	14
Total (4 wkts, 38 overs)	233

†W K Hegg, G Yates, G Chapple, P J Martin and R J Green did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-101, 2-125, 3-211, 4-222.

BOWLING: Ilott 7-0-38-0; Cowan 8-0-56-1; Napier 7-0-48-0; Such 8-0-45-2; Grayson 8-0-38-1

Umpires: K E Palmer and N T Plews.

TOP FOUR

	P	W	L	T	Nr	Pts	Rr
Kent (10)	16	12	3	0	1	50	9.92
Warwicks (4)	16	12	4	0	0	48	12.99
Lancashire (9)	16	10	3	1	2	46	3.03
Leics (12)	16	9	4	1	2	42	8.01

Middlesex warhorse faithful to highest standards

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

IT WAS a lovely morning for a surprise, although, in truth, the cat had been let out of the bag before David Graveney announced that Angus Fraser would board the plane to the Caribbean.

In the sunlight of early autumn, Lord's looked at its most lovely, and the news of Fraser's selection added lustre to the day. "Good old Gussie!" everybody said, and meant it. That is just the way people feel about him.

There are three perfectly good reasons for summoning somebody who has not appeared in the England team since the heavy beating handed out by South Africa in Cape Town in January 1996. He remains a good bowler, he has excelled before in the West Indies and — Graveney made the point clearly yesterday — he is trusted to work alongside younger, less experienced men, as a bowler and a cricketer. So let's have no quibbling: it is a sound pick.

All things being equal, Fraser will not start the series, though there is nothing to stop him finishing it if others get injured or fail to match the selectors' expectations. But there is no better man to have around in a team environment — the fourth and best reason why his selection should be commended by all who care for English cricket.

It is evident by now to those *with eyes to see (and ears to hear)* that the England dressing-room is *not* always a haven of entirely selfless behaviour. *There are some one-eyed* Jacks in there. Fraser's career provides a timely lesson in selflessness. Or, to put it another way, since nobody worth his salt ever ignores the possibility of advancement, it shows how a fine player can also be a loyal team man.

ENGLAND ITINERARIES

SHARJAH TOURNAMENT: December. Warm-up games in Lahore: 4: tba 5: v Pakistan A 7: v Pakistan A. Tournament proper: 11: v India. 13: v West Indies. 15. v Pakistan. 19: Final

WEST INDIES TOUR: Jan: 16-19: v Jamaica Under-23. Jan 22-25: v Jamaica. Jan 29-Feb 2: First Test (Jamaica) Feb 6-9: match in Trinidad and Tobago. Feb 13-17: Second Test (Trinidad and Tobago). Feb 21-23: match in Guyana. Feb 27-Mar 3: Third Test (Guyana) Mar 7-9: match in Barbados. Mar 12-16: Fourth Test (Barbados) Mar 20-24: Fifth Test (Antigua) Mar 27: v Vice Chancellor's XI. Mar 29: First one-day international (Barbados) Apr 1: Second one-day international (St Lucia) Apr 4: Third one-day international (St Vincent) Apr 5: Fourth one-day international (St Vincent) Apr 8: Fifth one-day international (Trinidad and Tobago)

Long before he ever met Fraser, Peter Lever, the previous England bowling coach, said: "You can see from the way he bowls that man could never cheat anybody."

That is not the worst quality to have and in the Caribbean, where England can either win gloriously or come dreadfully unstuck, Michael Atherton will want his best men by his side. How odd, therefore, that Atherton chose to bring some light relief to the selection meeting by raising the name of Chris Lewis.

It has become fashionable to say that Fraser is "not the bowler he was" before his hip injury. People said it before he returned to the Test side at the Oval four years ago, when he reeled in eight Australia batsmen.

They said it again before he took eight for 75, the best figures by an England bowler in the West Indies, at Barbados in April 1994.

No doubt they will say it again and, in a sense, they are right. How could he be? But when one considers some of the men that England have called up since Fraser ceased to be an automatic selection, some of them quite talented, it is hard to resist the call: "Send for Gussie!"

One of the best pieces during the last sad, overheated week came from Edward Pearce, the political writer, who distinguished between "seeming" and "being". Fraser does not seem; he is. His peers know that and the cricket-watching public also knows that.

He may not take a Test wicket in the West Indies. He may not get a game. But, for the moment, let us salute Angus Robert Charles Fraser, of Stanmore, Middlesex and England. It is his benefit this year, so if somebody approaches you with a bucket, stick a note in it. One with the Queen's head on.

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

Pos	Team (player's name)	Pts
1	Mow And Go Hap (N Johns)	26,914
2	MJS 1 (M Squires)	26,897
3	Orchid M & O (N Johns)	26,853
4	*Dawn's Dynamos (D Shepherd)*	26,600
5	Dave's Dependables (D Tattoo)	26,430
6	Wansford House 3 (P R O'Brien)	26,279
7	The Twins (B Collinson)	26,232
8	Brains Team (B E Howes)	26,214
9	Dave's Dosers (D Tattoo)	26,199
10	The Funky Monkeys (A Moss)	26,135
11	Kalb's Corkers 4 (N Kalb)	26,130
12	*Sam's The Man 5 (G Sampson)*	26,051
13	The Runrats (D Tattoo)	26,041
14	Old Wringtonians (T J Hillman)	25,969
15	Portus (W Clarke)	25,958
16	Wells Fargo (B E Howes)	25,923
17	*Windy's Warriors (G Miller)*	25,919
18	Hurst's Cack Hander (R Jackson)	25,795
19	Injury Free XI (I J Hunt)	25,739
20	Nine Ian Bothams (P Johnson)	25,728
21	Off Spinners In A (A Milroy)	25,723
22	Rob's Barmy Army (R Anderson)	25,712
23	Ian's Imperials (I Johnston)	25,706
24	Basil's Bashers (S Moore)	25,684
25	*Coleman's Balls (D Blackburn)*	25,682
26	The Sunshine Brand (J Shepherd)	25,644
27	Sam's The Man 3 (G Sampson)	25,614
28	Ken's First XI (K Hannah)	25,591
29	*Fantasy Formbk I (G Crutchley)*	25,578
30	Carolyn Is Fuzz (J Eaton)	25,516
31	Spike Thomas Eleven (T E Webb)	25,506
32	*Sarawana (R Knowle)*	25,493
33	Lemar Old Boys (P Tranter)	25,462
34	Barney Boys (B E Howes)	25,428
35	Bacardi Boys (M Woodley)	25,426
36	Three Lobs (P Johnson)	25,407
37=	*Pauline's Stars (P Howell)*	25,397
37=	Teddy 2 (B Bare)	25,397
39=	Sudbrook Park (C Wyatt)	25,387
39=	14 Lobs (P Johnson)	25,387
41	Woody's Wonders (D A Wood)	25,365
42	The Band Played On (M Reed)	25,346
43	Ashes Coming Home (J H Stewart)	25,342
44	The Sad Team (J Swain)	25,332
45	*Kim's Best (D Geraghty)*	25,330
46	All Rounders XI (N Pember)	25,313
47	Legionnaires (C Hulme)	25,307
48	Retirement Heroes (M Pettman)	25,302
49	— (P Coward)	25,300
50	*Meg's Eleven (S Simmons)*	25,277
51	Fantasy Formbk E (G Crutchley)	25,276
52	Melvyn Maldini XI (I D Wray)	25,222
53	JSWC 256 (J Swires)	25,215
54	*Verity's Vintage No (no name)*	25,208
55	The 1997 XI (J M Hutchin)	25,205
56	Humtastic (A Frazer)	25,204
57	*Ward's Wickstaker (A B Ward)*	25,187
58	Three Gee's Team (R Ariyaratnam)	25,181
59	Friday Night XI (B McFerran)	25,130
60=	Ace All Rounders (A Eade)	25,112
60=	The Ton Machine (N Kalb)	25112
62	*Roe Roe Roe Your B (R Roe)*	25104
63	SRS In The Press (S P Vann)	25093
64	Linseeds (R Hoy)	25029
65	Orchid-INT Com-I (N Jones)	25025
66	All Round Ability (W Burnett)	25014
67	Art 5 (A R Jeanes)	25008
68	Fantasy Formbk H (G Crutchley)	24975
69	Toblitt (A Luckhurst)	24954
70	*Ken's 2nd XI (K Hannah)*	24950
71=	Cats Eyes (N Marchant)	24937
71=	Shadow Leader 1 (D Findlay)	24937
73	DJS 2 (D Fenton)	24925
74	Kamikaze Bowler (D Finlay)	24910
75	*The Warne Factor (D Finlay)*	24889
76	Four Ian Bothams (P Johnson)	24883
77	Kalb's Corkers 1 (N Kalb)	24872
78	Lushington XI (K Kumaralingam)	24850
79	Whatitisagirl (A Robinson)	24849
80	DAMARC (D Thorn)	24843
81	The Braughing Duck (P Moore)	24841
82	*— (J Coward)*	24824
83	All Hallows (J McCormack)	24821
84	3 Pins (T Hindle)	24818
85	Ailsa Angels (A Wood)	24806
86	Philosofirsts (P Shorter)	24803
87	*Tessmungus (J Eaton)*	24796
88	Dave's Demons (D Tattoo)	24787
89	The Tootsy Triers (R Newby)	24786
90	*All Out (A Charlton)*	24773
91=	The Stumpsters (J Eaton)	24769
91=	Mo And Go (N Johns)	24769
93	Harrow Blues B (A Vasa)	24757
94	Thunder Bunnies (D C Bates)	24752
95	*Capricorn 6 (P Stewart)*	24745
96	— (S Mickleson)	24744
97	Fantasy Formbk D (G Crutchley)	24722
98	Ell's 11 (G Angell)	24720
99	Jim's Giants (J H Parker)	24713
100	*Wakering Wanderers (D Brunt)*	24709

Prize waits for mystery winner

FANTASY sport claims another anonymous winner today. The weekly prize for *The Times* Interactive Team Cricket game is a signed and framed photograph of a previous Player of the Year, an England cap signed by some England players, a first edition of the *PCA Yearbook*, and a cheque for £100.

The sad truth is, though, that there is no selector who can claim it, since their team, Wells Bells XI, lacks a name and address. Any ITC player with a team of that name and which corresponds to that printed below should call 01582 702720 with their Personal Identification Number handy.

WELLS BELLS XI: **Batsmen:** T M Moody (Worcestershire), G P Thorpe (Surrey), D L Maddy (Leicestershire), A P Grayson (Essex), J P Stephenson (Hampshire). **All-rounder:** R D B Croft (Glamorgan). **Wicketkeeper:** R J Turner (Somerset). **Bowlers:** A R Caddick (Somerset), G D Rose (Somerset), S M Milburn (Hampshire), S D Thomas (Glamorgan)

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

EACH team, depending on when it is registered, will be allocated a number of transfer allowances. If you registered in May, your team was allocated ten transfers; in June, you were allocated eight transfers, in July six, in August four and in September you will be allocated two.

You may use as many or as few as you wish but they must replace like for like, ie one bowler for another bowler. All transfers must be made before a first-class match. Transfer periods will be set weekly and any transfers made in one transfer period will become effective for the matches that begin within the next transfer period.

The transfer line opened on Wednesday May 21 and will remain open for the season. Transfers must be made by midnight on a Monday in order to be effective for any first-class matches beginning after that date. Transfers may only be made by telephone by calling:

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INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in the first four columns cover the past week; *the final column is the player's overall points total.* The figures include all matches completed by September 8. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**, Rising Stars in *italic*.

Batsmen (001-146)

Category A

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
C J Adams (001)	0	0	0	0	0	1820
G F Archer (002)	0	0	0	0	0	1155
M A Atherton (003)	80	0	0	5	85	1513
C W J Athey (004)	0	0	0	0	0	1204
R J Bailey (005)	60	0	0	0	60	2393
K J Barnett (006)	78	0	0	0	78	1300
D J Bicknell (007)	0	0	0	0	0	489
G S Blewett (008)	0	0	0	0	0	1655
D C Boon (009)	158	0	0	10	168	1739
P D Bowler (010)	9	0	0	0	9	1602
A D Brown (011)	165	0	0	10	175	1752
M A Butcher (012)	38	0	1	0	58	2049
P A Cottey (013)	52	0	2	0	92	1038
J P Crawley (014)	35	0	1	0	55	1862
K M Curran (015)	134	3	3	5	259	2111
M T G Elliott (016)	0	0	0	0	0	1963
N H Fairbrother (017)	6	0	1	0	26	1408
J E R Gallian (018)	0	0	0	0	0	1287
M W Gatting (019)	52	0	0	0	52	1543
G A Gooch (020)	0	0	0	0	0	562
M L Hayden (021)	195	0	1	15	230	2529
D L Hemp (022)	34	0	0	0	34	1953
G A Hick (023)	89	2	2	5	174	2648
A J Hollioake (024)	150	3	1	10	240	2407
N Hussain (025)	25	0	0	0	25	2194
S P James (026)	51	0	1	0	71	2482
D M Jones (027)	0	0	0	0	0	554
J H Kallis (028)	152	3	2	15	267	2403
N V Knight (029)	92	0	0	-15	77	1041
J S Laney (030)	161	0	0	10	171	1231
M N Lathwell (031)	32	0	2	0	72	1145
G D Lloyd (032)	8	0	0	0	8	1246
M B Loye (033)	0	0	0	0	0	628
M P Maynard (034)	234	0	0	15	249	1933
A McGrath (035)	176	0	0	10	186	1080
R R Montgomerie (036)	162	0	1	5	187	549
T M Moody (037)	141	1	2	10	211	2036
H Morris (038)	25	0	2	0	65	1374
M D Moxon (039)	0	0	0	0	0	640
T L Penney (040)	45	0	1	0	65	1429
M R Ramprakash (041)	111	1	2	-15	156	2206
R T Robinson (042)	32	0	0	-20	12	1019
P V Simmons (043)	0	0	0	0	0	0
M J Slater (044)	0	0	0	0	0	297
B F Smith (045)	27	0	0	0	27	1000
R A Smith (046)	0	0	0	0	0	1589
A J Stewart (047)	8	0	5	0	108	3049
M A Taylor (048)	0	0	0	0	0	1290
G P Thorpe (049)	235	0	0	10	245	2953
M P Vaughan (050)	31	1	2	0	91	1282
T R Ward (051)	229	0	1	15	264	1982
M E Waugh (052)	0	0	0	0	0	1596
S R Waugh (053)	0	0	0	0	0	1739
A P Wells (054)	199	0	1	10	229	1744
V J Wells (055)	2	1	0	0	22	2205
W P C Weston (056)	53	0	1	0	73	1149
J J Whitaker (057)	2	0	1	0	22	1389

Category B

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
D A Blenkiron (058)	0	0	0	0	0	0
D Byas (059)	128	0	0	5	133	2045
M E Cassar (060)	24	3	1	-20	84	284
G R Cowdrey (061)	0	0	1	0	30	1040
R J Cunliffe (062)	0	0	0	0	0	523
T S Curtis (063)	0	0	0	0	0	1122
A Dale (064)	72	0	0	5	77	1361
J A Daley (065)	0	0	0	0	0	20
R I Dawson (066)	127	0	0	-10	117	406
M P Dowman (067)	153	0	2	10	203	1731
A W Evans (068)	25	0	1	0	45	146
A Flintoff (069)	0	0	0	0	0	376
A Fordham (070)	87	0	2	-15	112	804
D P Fulton (071)	51	0	2	0	91	1245
A P Grayson (072)	44	4	0	0	124	2978
K Greenfield (073)	0	0	0	0	0	1106
A Habib (074)	0	0	0	0	0	515
T H C Hancock (075)	46	1	1	0	86	1542
R J Harden (076)	0	0	0	0	0	631
J C Harrison (077)	0	0	0	0	0	0
A N Hayhurst (078)	0	0	0	0	0	60
G R Haynes (079)	125	1	0	5	150	2168
D R Hewson (080)	9	0	2	0	49	49
A J Hibbert (081)	0	0	0	0	0	77
T P Hodgson (082)	0	0	0	0	0	258
P C L Holloway (083)	63	0	1	0	83	1422
W J House (084)	0	0	0	0	0	447
S Hutton (085)	75	0	1	-20	75	440
P Johnson (086)	163	0	0	5	168	1573
M Keech (087)	45	0	0	0	45	929
W S Kendall (088)	0	0	1	-20	0	680
G J Kennis (089)	0	0	0	0	0	69
R A Kettleborough (090)	0	0	0	0	0	50
G A Khan (091)	0	0	0	0	0	205
W G Khan (092)	0	0	0	0	0	169
D A Leatherdale (093)	90	0	3	0	150	2437
N J Lenham (094)	0	0	0	0	0	396
J J B Lewis (095)	35	0	1	0	55	1609
N J Llong (096)	0	0	0	0	0	939
M A Lynch (097)	0	0	0	-20	-20	1133
G I Macmillan (098)	0	0	0	0	0	204
D L Maddy (099)	70	3	0	5	135	1907
M R May (100)	1	0	0	-20	-19	648
P C McKeown (101)	0	0	0	0	0	209
A A Metcalfe (102)	0	0	0	0	0	484
S P Moffat (103)	0	0	0	0	0	295
A J Moles (104)	0	0	0	0	0	925
J E Morris (105)	93	0	1	0	113	1424
K Newell (106)	0	0	0	0	0	1283
D P Ostler (107)	52	0	2	0	92	1545
J E Owen (108)	0	0	0	0	0	164
K A Parsons (109)	0	0	0	0	0	1241
S D Peters (110)	0	0	0	0	0	202
P R Pollard (111)	0	0	0	0	0	672
J C Pooley (112)	21	0	2	-20	41	1386
M J Powell (113)	0	0	0	0	0	60
P J Prichard (114)	72	0	1	5	97	1587
T A Radford (115)	0	0	0	0	0	181
R K Rao (116)	0	0	0	0	0	1051
J D Ratcliffe (117)	77	1	0	5	102	1275
D J Roberts (118)	0	0	0	0	0	415
D D J Robinson (119)	32	0	0	0	32	1128
A S Rollins (120)	0	0	0	0	0	1487
M A Roseberry (121)	13	0	0	0	13	293
D J G Sales (122)	79	0	2	0	119	782
O A Shah (123)	95	0	1	0	115	724
N Shahid (124)	5	0	0	0	5	309
A Singh (125)	0	0	0	0	0	463
E T Smith (126)	94	0	0	5	99	1006
N J Speak (127)	0	0	0	0	0	630
K R Spiring (128)	21	0	1	0	41	1243
J P Stephenson (129)	13	8	1	10	203	2233
I J Sutcliffe (130)	96	0	0	5	101	1005
A J Swann (131)	0	0	0	0	0	26
N R Taylor (132)	0	0	0	0	0	1188
S P Titchard (133)	0	0	0	0	0	260
N J Trainor (134)	0	0	0	0	0	659
M E Trescothick (135)	100	0	2	5	145	509
T A Tweats (136)	90	0	4	0	170	381
M J Walker (137)	89	0	1	5	114	1006
M A Wagh (138)	124	0	0	10	134	1368
C D Walsh (139)	0	0	0	0	0	0
T C Walton (140)	41	0	1	0	61	505
P E Wellings (141)	0	0	0	0	0	33
R M S Weston (142)	14	0	0	-20	-6	206
P R Whitaker (143)	6	1	1	0	46	46
G W White (144)	30	0	0	-20	10	703
M G N Windows (145)	100	0	1	5	125	477
A J Wright (146)	0	0	0	0	0	1073

All-rounders (147-185)

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
M W Alleyne (147)	75	3	3	-20	175	2885
I D Austin (148)	50	2	1	5	115	2062
M G Bevan (149)	0	0	0	0	0	1067
D R Brown (150)	38	7	1	0	198	2915
G P Butcher (151)	6	1	0	0	26	883
D J Capel (152)	0	0	0	0	0	504
P D Collingwood (153)	0	0	0	0	0	539
D G Cork (154)	85	1	1	5	130	621
R D B Croft (155)	66	7	1	5	231	2722
P A J DeFreitas (156)	31	1	1	-20	51	1838
V C Drakes (157)	0	0	0	0	0	1204
P P Dutch (158)	2	0	1	0	22	710
M A Ealham (159)	47	5	0	0	147	2798
S C Ecclestone (160)	9	0	1	-20	9	1436
K P Evans (161)	2	3	0	-20	42	1414
M V Fleming (162)	46	3	0	0	106	2288
J P Hewitt (163)	1	5	0	0	101	1745
K J Innes (164)	0	0	0	0	0	79
R C Irani (165)	2	1	1	0	42	1860
K D James (166)	0	0	0	0	0	884
B P Julian (167)	0	0	0	0	0	432
S R Lampitt (168)	31	3	1	0	111	1790
D R Law (169)	3	1	2	0	63	1448
S G Law (170)	235	0	4	15	330	2964
C C Lewis (171)	0	0	0	0	0	1849
A C Morris (172)	8	1	0	0	28	599
A L Penberthy (173)	42	3	1	-20	102	1544
G M Roberts (174)	0	0	0	0	0	56
N M K Smith (175)	28	1	0	0	48	1873
J N Snape (176)	0	0	0	0	0	1174
V S Solanki (177)	17	0	0	0	17	987
P A Strang (178)	14	6	1	0	154	2746
C M Tolley (179)	33	5	0	-20	113	1779
Wasim Akram (180)	0	0	0	0	0	268
M Watkinson (181)	0	0	0	0	0	969
P N Weekes (182)	37	1	0	0	57	1403
C M Wells (183)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C White (184)	184	2	0	10	234	2674
S Young (185)	25	1	1	0	65	2354

Wicketkeepers (186-216)

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
A N Aymes (186)	24	0	2	0	64	1925
J N Batty (187)	6	0	0	0	6	269
R J Blakey (188)	20	0	2/2	0	140	2317
K R Brown (189)	42	0	3/1	0	142	2045
M Burns (190)	185	1	1	10	235	1480
C A Chapman (191)	0	0	0	0	0	84
I Dawood (192)	0	0	0	0	0	91
T Frost (193)	0	0	0	0	0	905
S P Griffiths (194)	0	0	0	0	0	81
I A Healy (195)	0	0	0	0	0	2193
W K Hegg (196)	55	0	4	5	140	1846
B J Hyam (197)	0	0	0	0	0	189
D A Kenway (198)	0	0	0	0	0	82
K M Krikken (199)	38	0	4	0	118	1757
D G C Ligertwood (200)	0	0	0	0	0	0
S A Marsh (201)	28	0	6	0	148	2089
C P Metson (202)	0	0	0	0	0	80
P Moores (203)	0	0	0	0	0	1591
P A Nixon (204)	17	0	0	0	17	2360
W M Noon (205)	49	0	1/2	0	149	1678
K J Piper (206)	49	0	5/1	0	189	835
S J Rhodes (207)	57	0	2/1	0	137	1966
D Ripley (208)	30	0	4/1	0	150	1422
R J Rollins (209)	60	0	2	5	105	1638
R C Russell (210)	67	0	2	5	112	2634
A D Shaw (211)	44	0	7/1	0	224	1484
M P Speight (212)	45	0	3	0	105	1953
R J Turner (213)	110	0	4	5	195	2386
R J Warren (214)	0	0	0	0	0	1294
P Whitticase (215)	0	0	0	0	0	0
R C J Williams (216)	0	0	0	-20	-20	-20

Bowlers (217-347)

Category A

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
J A Afford (217)	0	0	0	0	0	0
S J W Andrew (218)	0	0	0	0	0	159
M C J Ball (219)	48	6	1	0	188	1719
R T Bates (220)	1	0	0	0	1	507
J E Benjamin (221)	4	0	0	0	4	529
M M Betts (222)	9	1	0	0	29	1001
M P Bicknell (223)	70	4	3	5	215	2026
J N B Bovill (224)	0	0	0	0	0	727
M T Brimson (225)	0	1	1	0	40	325
S J E Brown (226)	17	5	1	0	137	1241
A R Caddick (227)	51	5	1	0	171	2713
G Chapple (228)	0	0	0	0	0	718
C A Connor (229)	0	0	0	0	0	244
A P Cowan (230)	5	4	0	0	85	2007
D M Cox (231)	0	0	0	0	0	146
R P Davis (232)	17	1	0	-20	17	669
A A Donald (233)	32	7	1	0	192	2250
A R C Fraser (234)	3	4	1	0	103	1625
A F Giles (235)	28	4	0	0	108	2049
J N Gillespie (236)	0	0	0	0	0	1163
D Gough (237)	13	2	0	0	53	1989
A J Harris (238)	6	2	0	-20	26	1233
P J Hartley (239)	0	0	0	0	0	1365
D W Headley (240)	1	7	1	10	171	1494
R K Illingworth (241)	33	3	0	0	93	302
M C Ilott (242)	22	1	0	0	42	348
P W Jarvis (243)	0	0	0	0	0	1160
R L Johnson (244)	13	3	1	0	93	1653
G Keedy (245)	0	4	1	0	100	251
R J Kirtley (246)	0	0	0	0	0	730
J D Lewry (247)	0	0	0	0	0	0
M J McCague (248)	0	0	0	0	0	1408
G D McGrath (249)	0	0	0	0	0	1931
D E Malcolm (250)	4	5	0	0	104	1632
P J Martin (251)	2	2	0	0	42	1322
R J Maru (252)	0	0	0	0	0	317
D J Millns (253)	0	0	0	0	0	1243
Mohammad Akram (254)	4	3	0	0	64	838
A D Mullally (255)	0	0	0	0	0	995
T A Munton (256)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mushtaq Ahmed (257)	20	9	0	-10	190	1471
P J Newport (258)	0	0	0	0	0	760
G J Parsons (259)	10	1	0	0	30	728
M M Patel (260)	0	0	0	0	0	0
R M Pearson (261)	0	0	0	0	0	61
A R K Pierson (262)	0	0	0	0	0	904
P R Reiffel (263)	0	0	0	0	0	1306
G D Rose (264)	84	3	1	5	169	2808
I D K Salisbury (265)	22	3	2	0	122	1196
A Sheriyar (266)	12	8	0	0	172	1444
K J Shine (267)	6	1	0	0	26	1342
C E W Silverwood (268)	22	4	1	0	122	1489
A M Smith (269)	18	3	0	0	78	2081
R D Stemp (270)	0	3	2	-20	80	1368
P M Such (271)	1	5	1	0	121	1847
J P Taylor (272)	7	5	0	0	107	1541
P C R Tufnell (273)	5	6	1	0	145	1272
S D Udal (274)	63	6	0	5	188	2083
S K Warne (275)	0	0	0	0	0	2221
Waqar Younis (276)	15	4	0	0	95	1952
S L Watkin (277)	19	3	1	0	99	1310
N F Williams (278)	0	0	0	0	0	436
J Wood (279)	6	2	0	0	46	506

Category B

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
U Afzaal (280)	71	0	0	0	71	994
P Aldred (281)	16	1	0	0	36	702
D A Altree (282)	0	0	0	0	0	40
G J Batty (283)	0	0	0	0	0	0
M A V Bell (284)	0	0	0	0	0	70
J Boiling (285)	28	2	2	-20	88	1089
M N Bowen (286)	23	1	0	0	43	1386
J E Brinkley (287)	0	0	0	0	0	7
J F Brown (288)	0	3	0	0	60	265
R J Chapman (289)	0	0	0	0	0	323
V P Clarke (290)	92	0	1	0	112	1580
D A Cosker (291)	0	4	2	-20	100	777
D M Cousins (292)	0	0	0	0	0	21
A P Davies (293)	0	0	0	0	0	0
K J Dean (294)	0	0	0	0	0	726
R R Dibden (295)	0	0	0	0	0	0
M Dimond (296)	0	0	0	0	0	4
S W K Ellis (297)	0	0	0	0	0	0
J E Emburey (298)	0	0	0	0	0	534
R A Fay (299)	0	0	0	0	0	63
D Follett (300)	0	0	0	0	0	188
M J Foster (301)	51	2	0	0	91	1408
P J Franks (302)	8	1	0	0	28	1057
R J Green (303)	51	0	0	5	56	246
G M Hamilton (304)	5	4	0	0	85	754
S Herzberg (305)	50	1	1	0	90	371
J E Hindson (306)	0	0	0	0	0	297
B C Hollioake (307)	54	4	0	0	134	1596
J G Hughes (308)	0	0	0	0	0	85
P M Hutchison (309)	0	4	1	0	100	757
A P Igglesden (310)	0	1	0	0	20	285
J I D Kerr (311)	0	0	0	0	0	853
N Killeen (312)	1	5	0	0	101	326
J Lewis (313)	1	0	0	0	1	1306
S Lugsden (314)	0	0	0	0	0	24
R S C Martin-Jenkins (315)	0	0	0	0	0	137
A D Mascarenhas (316)	0	0	0	0	0	64
T J Mason (317)	0	2	0	-20	20	431
S M Milburn (318)	0	2	1	0	60	360
R W Nowell (319)	0	0	0	0	0	0
J Ormond (320)	0	0	1	0	20	820
O T Parkin (321)	0	4	0	0	80	181
M W Patterson (322)	0	0	0	0	0	0
B J Phillips (323)	7	5	0	0	107	1370
N C Phillips (324)	0	0	0	0	0	56
R A Pick (325)	0	0	0	0	0	223
N W Preston (326)	0	0	0	0	0	28
M Rawnsley (327)	0	0	0	0	0	283
S J Renshaw (328)	1	3	0	0	61	1438
M A Robinson (329)	0	0	0	0	0	1196
M J Saggers (330)	0	1	0	0	20	349
J P Searle (331)	0	0	0	0	0	0
D J Shadford (332)	0	0	0	0	0	795
K P Sheeraz (333)	0	0	0	0	0	84
G C Small (334)	0	0	0	0	0	784
E J Stanford (335)	0	0	0	0	0	52
S D Thomas (336)	75	4	1	-15	160	1592
J B Thompson (337)	0	0	0	0	0	848
M J Thursfield (338)	0	0	0	0	0	154
H R J Trump (339)	0	0	0	0	0	101
A J Tudor (340)	0	0	0	0	0	396
M J Vandrau (341)	0	0	0	0	0	349
A P van Troost (342)	0	0	0	0	0	120
A Walker (343)	19	4	0	0	99	1016
G Welch (344)	2	1	0	-20	2	2262
A G Wharf (345)	0	0	0	0	0	0
T N Wren (346)	0	0	0	0	0	51
G Yates (347)	9	1	1	0	49	1222

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket and catch, and 40 points for each stumping.

Five bonus points are awarded for a half-century, ten bonus points are awarded for a century and for five wickets in an innings, and 20 bonus points are awarded for ten wickets in a match.

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1.45 Zelah. 2.15 *Lookout*. 2.45 Tamarisk. 3.20 Mijana. 3.50 Celtic Cross. 4.20 Your Most Welcome.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.45 IKHTEYAAR (nap). 2.45 Greek Dance.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.45 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,550: 6f) (22 runners)

1	(13)	53	ARBENIG 18 B Palling 8-11	S Drowne	92
2	(15)		ATUF S bin Suroor 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
3	(21)		BREAK FOR PEACE M Prescott 8-11	S Sanders	—
4	(18)	4	GLITTER PRINCESS 47 D Chappell 8-11	W Ryan	88
5	(22)		HEBONY J Gosden 8-11	G Hind	—
6	(20)	2	IKHTEYAAR 18 (BF) R Armstrong 8-11	J Weaver	109
7	(3)		ISLAND RACE J Fanshawe 8-11	N Day	—
8	(16)	32	MIDSUMMER NIGHT 88 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	77
9	(2)		MISS SLENDER R Hannon 8-11	W J O'Connor	—
10	(14)		MRS MALAPROP M Channon 8-11	T Quinn	—
11	(10)	38	NIGHT OWL 40 R Charlton 8-11	T Sprake	81
12	(19)		PRIME TIME GIRL I Balding 8-11	A McGlone	—
13	(11)		QILIN M Tompkins 8-11	D Biggs	—
14	(12)	32	ROYAL SHYNESS 23 (BF) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	109
15	(7)		SENSE OF WONDER B Meehan 8-11	C Rutter	—
16	(17)		SIXPENCE G Wragg 8-11	A Clark	—
17	(6)	40	SOLO SPIRIT 19 J Jenkins 8-11	J F Egan	91
18	(9)		SPREE ROSE K Cunningham-Brown 8-11	M Fenton	—
19	(8)		ST LUCIA B Meehan 8-11	G Hannon (7)	—
20	(4)	34	TAJMIL 60 W Hern 8-11	R Perham	96
21	(5)	0	TATTINGER 21 J Fanshawe 8-11	M Rimmer	—
22	(1)	4	ZELAH 23 B Smart 8-11	J Stack	88

7-2 Ikhteyaar, 9-2 Atuf, 7-1 Royal Shyness, 8-1 Hebony, 10-1 Midsummer Night, 14-1 Break For Peace, Night Owl, 16-1 others.

2.15 SONY CMD-X2000 HANDICAP
(£3,030: 1m 6f 92yd) (14)

1	(13)	53-5	LEAR JET 22 (G) Bob Jones 4-10-0	N Day	77
2	(2)	2004	TUDOR ISLAND 19 (D,F,G,S) C Brittain 8-9-12	M Rimmer	75
3	(10)	003	AJCOMBE 54 Lady Herries 4-9-11	A Clark	66
4	(14)	500	TAUFAN BOY 74 P Harris 4-9-9	F Norton	81
5	(9)	2215	DURHAM 19 (B,CD,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-9	C Rutter	84
6	(6)	0005	ELA-YIE-MOU 16 (D,F) S Dow 4-9-6	J F Egan	70
7	(11)	1122	URGENT REPLY 13 (F) C Dwyer 4-9-4	W Ryan	80
8	(4)	6032	LIME STREET BLUES 36 (S) T Keddy 6-9-2	S Sanders	79
9	(5)	540-	MY HERO 343 T Mills 3-9-0	T Quinn	—
10	(8)	5615	LOOKOUT 21 (BF,G) B Hills 3-8-13	Pat Eddery	81
11	(1)	0130	SQUIRE'S OCCASION 16 R Curtis 4-8-13	J Lowe	77
12	(3)	30U	ALAKDAR 20 A Stewart 3-8-13	T Sprake	68
13	(7)	0336	CHRIS'S LAD 20 (B,D,F,G,S) B Meehan 6-8-13	Dane O'Neill	85
14	(12)	004/	CHIMBORAZO 851 B McMath 6-8-12	J Weaver	—

9-2 Urgent Reply, 5-1 Tudor Island, 6-1 Ajcombe, 7-1 Lookout, 8-1 Durham, 10-1 Lear Jet, Chris's Lad, 12-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Doncaster: 3.40 Nigrasine. Exeter: 2.20 Charlie Pip. 3.30 Chief Mouse, Little Hooligan. Kempton Park: 4.20 Rhapsody In White, Pietro Bembo

2.45 CHERTSEY LOCK CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,454: 7f) (11)

1	(11)	1	TAMARISK 39 (F) R Charlton 9-1	T Sprake	114
2	(9)		ANEMOS M Tompkins 8-10	S Sanders	—
3	(2)		ARCTIC STAR M Channon 8-10	R Perham	—
4	(1)	06	BRONZINO 13 G Balding 8-10	S Drowne	79
5	(6)		CLOAK OF DARKNESS R Hannon 8-10	Dane O'Neill	—
6	(10)		CLOSE SHAVE M Stoute 8-10	K Bradshaw	—
7	(8)		FIERCELY GINGER E Wheeler 8-10	A Daly (5)	—
8	(3)		GREEK DANCE M Stoute 8-10	Pat Eddery	—
9	(5)		HEVER GOLF RANGER T Naughton 8-10	J Weaver	—
10	(4)	6	LEAR SPEAR 28 D Elsworth 8-10	T Quinn	85
11	(7)		PLAN-B J Gosden 8-10	G Hind	—

6-4 Greek Dance, 5-2 Tamarisk, 5-1 Plan-B, 8-1 Cloak Of Darkness, 16-1 others.

3.20 SIRENIA STAKES (Listed: 2-Y-O: £9,706: 6f) (9)

1	(9)	6545	DERNIER CROISE 8 (B) B Meehan 8-11	Paul Eddery	97
2	(6)	215	HILL MAGIC 53 (D,F) D Elsworth 8-11	S Drowne	99
3	(4)	21	MAJAARI 15 (D,F) P Walwyn 8-11	T Sprake	105
4	(8)	2115	MERLIN'S RING 22 (D,F) I Balding 8-11	W Ryan	110
5	(3)	1213	MIJANA 16 (D,F,G) J Gosden 8-11	G Hind	[illegible]
6	(1)	1	TOBLERSONG 70 (D,S) R Akehurst 8-11	T Quinn	89
7	(7)	2201	LIKELY STORY 16 (D,S) J Dunlop 8-6	S Sanders	97
8	(2)	1	RISQUE LADY 23 (F) P Harris 8-6	Pat Eddery	90
9	(5)	321	TADWIGA 75 (D,S) R Hannon 8-6	Dane O'Neill	90

5-2 Mijana, 5-1 Merlin's Ring, 11-2 Majaari, 13-2 Tadwiga, 7-1 others.

3.50 SEPTEMBER FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,292: 7f) (8)

1	(4)	1	LEGGERA 27 (D,F) J Dunlop 8-13	Pat Eddery	102
2	(8)	4	CELTIC CROSS 28 Lord Huntingdon 8-8	S Sanders	113
3	(6)		EXCLUSIVE M Stoute 8-8	T Quinn	—
4	(2)	0	GOLDTUNE 19 M Jarvis 8-8	M Fenton	—
5	(5)		IVORY LEAGUE G Lewis 8-8	Paul Eddery	—
6	(7)	1	SIMPLY SUPER 14 (G) C Brittain 8-8	M Rimmer	94
7	(3)		ST CLAIR SHORES M Stoute 8-8	K Bradshaw	—
8	(1)		STORM RIVER H Cecil 8-8	W Ryan	—

6-4 Leggera, 11-4 Storm River, 7-2 Exclusive, 10-1 Simply Super, 12-1 others.

4.20 TEDDINGTON HANDICAP (£3,778: 1m 4f) (20)

1	(5)	3453	POLAR CHAMP 33 (F,S) S Woods 4-10-0	W Ryan	79
2	(15)	0540	RENZO 43 (F) Mrs A Perrett 4-10-0	A Clark	80
3	(11)	1336	TAPPETO 16 (B,D,F,S) H Candy 5-9-11	C Rutter	77
4	(18)	2026	PIKE CREEK 53 (BF,D,F) I Balding 4-9-11	W J O'Connor	[illegible]
5	(6)	630	NORTH REEF 19 (F,S) J Pearce 6-9-11	M Wigham	81
6	(14)	0214	MUTADARRA 21 (F,G) W Musson 4-9-8	J D Smith (3)	77
7	(19)	6054	PISTOL 28 (D,F,G) C Horgan 7-9-7	Paul Eddery	86
8	(16)	0266	DRAMATIC MOMENT 68 (F) J Arnold 4-9-4	R Perham	82
9	(8)	0003	ALHOSAAM 72 W Hern 3-9-3	T Sprake	75
10	(17)	1046	MR BROWNING 19 (B,D,F) R Akehurst 6-9-3	T Quinn	87
11	(1)	5-60	FROZEN SEA 140 (F) G Enright 6-9-2	P Doe (7)	84
12	(10)	3210	YOUR MOST WELCOME 11 (F) D F-Davis 6-9-1	D McCabe	86
13	(12)	1380	RHAPSODY IN WHITE 24 (B,F) M Jarvis 3-9-0	M Fenton	81
14	(3)	4614	KROSNO 39 (BF,F) S C Williams 3-9-0	Dane O'Neill	75
15	(20)	0030	WATER FLOWER 35 J Fanshawe 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	69
16	(2)	01-3	PIETRO BEMBO 39 (B,F) M Prescott 3-9-0	S Sanders	74
17	(4)	060/	HADABET 643J (F) R Phillips 5-8-12	S Drowne	—
18	(13)	0423	FOURDANED 44 S Dow 4-8-11	J F Egan	77
19	(7)	0405	TALLULAH BELLE 7 (F) N Littmoden 4-8-9	J Weaver	81
20	(9)	0231	GOLD DESIRE 8 (D,F,G,S) M Brittain 7-8-9	D Mernagh (7)	76

5-1 Pietro Bembo, 7-1 Mutadarra, 8-1 Pike Creek, Mr Browning, 10-1 Polar Champ, Alhosaam, 12-1 Pistol, Frozen Sea, 14-1 others.

EXETER

THUNDERER

2.20 Gumair. 2.55 Faustino. 3.30 Little Hooligan. 4.00 Father Dowling. 4.30 Name Of Our Father. 5.00 Sweet Ciseaux.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 RENWICKS MOTOR VILLAGE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,358: 2m 3f) (13 runners)

1	0-0P	CHARLIE PIP 7 (B) R Curtis 5-11-5	Mr M Appleby
2	0-00	FAIR ATTRACTION 14 J Dufosee 5-11-5	Miss A Goschen (7)
3	00P4	HEADING NORTH 16 (B) O Carter 6-11-5	Miss V Roberts (7)
4		KEN RISK 63F M Pipe 5-11-5	A P McCoy
5	31-2	LOSLOMOS 25 (G) G Balding 5-11-5	B Fenton
6	PP-0	MAJOR BILL 14 J O'Shea 6-11-5	Michael Brennan (3)
7	0UP-	MY WARRIOR 184 (F) M Campion 9-11-5	W McFarland
8	PP-3	NATURE PERFECTED 7 R Frost 8-11-5	Mr A Holdsworth
9	U-	RACING HAWK 74F P Bowen 5-11-5	R Johnson
10	005-	TIDAL FORCE 163 (F) P Hobbs 6-11-5	R Dunwoody
11		GUMAIR 71F A Dunn 4-11-3	S McNeill
12	-043	MAGGIE STRAIT 18 Mrs A King 5-11-0	V Slattery
13	0-P3	MISS BLUES SINGER 25 A Chamberlain 4-10-12	B Powell

8-11 Ken Risk, 4-1 Loslomos, 7-1 Tidal Force, 10-1 Racing Hawk, 16-1 Heading North, 25-1 Major Bill, Gumair, Maggie Strait, 33-1 others

2.55 RENWICKS PEUGEOT NOVICES CHASE
(£3,613: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1	2312	NO LIGHT 32 (D,F,G,S) A Turnell 10-11-3	L Harvey
2	P15-	BOWDEN SURPRISE 142 (F) R Baker 7-10-10	V Slattery
3	05P4	LAVALIGHT 16 (D,F) J Dufosee 10-10-10	P Henley (3)
4	410-	MILLCROFT RIVIERA 207 (G) R Alner 6-10-10	A Thornton
5	/PP-	SANDS POINT 309 C Popham 7-10-10	Mr O McPhail (7)
6	24-3	FAUSTINO 39 (BF,F) P Hobbs 5-10-8	R Dunwoody
7	P546	HEMERO 25 R Buckler 5-10-8	B Powell
8	-02F	SPARTANS DINA 7 R Frost 6-10-5	Mr A Holdsworth
9	5-05	WALK IN THE WOODS 25 (F,S) D Turner 10-10-5	R Greene

6-4 Faustino, 5-2 No Light, 9-2 Millcroft Riviera, 10-1 Bowden Surprise, 12-1 Lavalight, 16-1 Spartans Dina, 20-1 Hemero, 25-1 others.

3.30 VINTAGE CAR HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,285: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1	-634	CHIEF MOUSE 21 (B,D,F,G) F Jordan 4-12-0	A Maguire
2	4P-1	AUBURN BOY 16 (D,F,G) I Williams 10-11-11	F Bogle (7)
3	14FU	VISION OF FREEDOM 50 (D,F,G) P Bowen 9-11-4	W Marston
4	-222	THEME ARENA 16 (V,D,F) M Pipe 4-11-3	A P McCoy
5	-043	MUTAZZ 50 (F,G) W Hern 5-10-13	R Farrant
6	R14-	COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 20F (D,F) P Hayward 8-10-13	B Fenton
7	510-	KILLING TIME 126 (C,D,F,S) D Burchell 6-10-8	D J Burchell
8	/033	GREEN ISLAND 24 (C,D,F,G,S) A Dunn 11-10-0	S McNeill
9	00-6	LITTLE HOOLIGAN 6 (V,CD,F) S Knight 6-10-0	R Johnson

3-1 Auburn Boy, 4-1 Theme Arena, 5-1 Mutazz, 6-1 Chief Mouse, 8-1 Vision Of Freedom, Killing Time, 10-1 Courageous Knight, 12-1 others

4.00 RENWICKS AUDI HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,631: 2m 6f 110yd) (15)

1	13-2	SOHAIL 18 (D,F,G,S) J King 14-11-11	J Culloty
2	321/	ABAVARD 475 (C,G,S) R Frost 8-11-9	T O'Connor (7)
3	5621	JIM VALENTINE 18 (CD,F,G,S) D Wintle 11-11-5	W Marston
4	42-P	ARDCRONEY CHIEF 7 (C,G,S) D Gandolfo 11-11-4	D Fortt (3)
5	35-P	PAPER STAR 95 (F,G) M Muggeridge 10-10-11	B Powell
6	-41F	LEGAL ARTIST 25 (BF,F,G) Miss C Johnsey 7-10-9	D Gallagher
7	-P32	TRUST DEED 24 (B,C,F,G) S Knight 9-10-7	D Salter (5)
8	314-	MANOR RHYME 404 (G) J McConnochie 10-10-2	S Wynne
9	4-01	MOZEMO 25 (G,S) M Pipe 10-10-1	C Maude
10	4532	FATHER DOWLING 25 (V,G) G Balding 10-10-0	A Maguire
11	PPP-	KING'S COURTIER 175 S Mellor 8-10-0	C Webb (5)
12	-344	DAWN CHANCE 25 (B,F,S) R Hodges 11-10-0	T Dascombe (3)
13	5P-P	RUSTIC GENT 14 (F,S) D Burchell 9-10-0	J R Kavanagh
14	FP6-	QUARTER MARKER 105 (F) H Howe 9-10-0	Mr S Durack (7)
15	-U34	MORCHARD MILLY 16 (G) S Cole 10-10-0	Mr A Holdsworth

4-1 Jim Valentine, 5-1 Mozemo, 6-1 Legal Artist, 8-1 Sohail, Ardcroney Chief, Trust Deed, Father Dowling, 12-1 others.

4.30 RENWICKS FLEET MANAGEMENT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,683: 2m 6f) (7)

1	-301	NAME OF OUR FATHER 12F (D,F) P Bowen 4-11-13	R Johnson
2	12-1	BURLINGTON SAM 16 (C,D,F,G,S) A Hobbs 9-11-11	G Shenkin (7)
3	1112	COMMANCHE CREEK 16 (B,D,F,G) M Pipe 7-11-7	A P McCoy
4	2211	LORD NITROGEN 25 (C,D,F,G) B Llewellyn 7-11-6	Mr J Llewellyn
5	P4U-	DAMAS 328 (S) M Pipe 6-11-3	Mr G Elliott (5)
6	400-	ROSIE-B 110 (D,G) L Waring 7-10-12	M Griffiths (7)
7	-242	ON MY TOES 25 (C,F,G) R Frost 6-10-1	Mr A Holdsworth

3-1 Burlington Sam, 7-2 Commanche Creek, 4-1 Lord Nitrogen, 9-2 others.

5.00 RENWICKS VOLKSWAGEN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,935: 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

1	223-	THE BREWER 130 (BF) J Tuck 5-11-10	R Bellamy
2	31-3	PAULTON 81 (B,C,G) K Bishop 4-11-7	G Supple (5)
3	06F6	CADDY'S FIRST 11 (V,F) S Mellor 5-11-7	B Powell
4	045	SWEET CISEAUX 15 B Llewellyn 4-11-6	J Culloty
5	500-	CLUB CARIBBEAN 212 P Hobbs 5-11-3	R Dunwoody
6	0PP-	MUSIC CLASS 111 R Baker 6-10-10	V Slattery
7	4PP/	ALACUE 606 R Alner 7-10-7	A Thornton
8	0/B-	GUNNY'S GIRL 189 F Jordan 6-10-7	A P McCoy
9	40-5	GRIFFIN'S GIRL 16 N Ayliffe 5-10-7	Guy Lewis (3)
10	0PPP	TOM'S MRS-T 24 O Carter 8-10-2	Miss P Gundry (7)

5-2 The Brewer, 7-2 Paulton, 4-1 Sweet Ciseaux, 5-1 Club Caribbean, 6-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Leicester

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 8yd) 1, Bristol Channel (L Dettori, 6-1); 2, Rambling Rose (3-1); 3, Oberon's Mistral (5-1). Bluewarn Lady 7-4 fav. 10 ran. ¾l, 2½l. B Hills. Tote: £7.30; £1.50, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £16.10. Trio: £16.40. CSF: £22.27.

2.45 (1m 8yd) 1, Francesca's Folly (M Henry, 14-1); 2, Constant Attention (12-1); 3, Arm And A Leg (7-2 fav). 15 ran. 2½l, 2l. J Hills. Tote: £15.80; £4.30, £4.60, £1.80. DF: £90.10. Trio: £210.10. CSF: £161.83. Tricast: £685.31.

3.15 (7f) 1, Samara Song (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Topton (9-1); 3, Altashaal (6-1 fav); 4, Allinson's Mate (16-1). 20 ran. ½l, 1l. I Williams. Tote: £8.30; £1.40, £2.00, £2.30, £4.30. DF: £27.50. CSF: £69.12. Tricast: £391.25.

3.45 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Sacho (L Dettori, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Tonight's Prize (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Sorpentara (13-2). 19 ran. 1½l, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £1.70, £2.50. DF: £10.60. Trio: £19.10. CSF: £10.69.

4.15 (7f 9yd) 1, Mudeer (L Dettori, 11-4); 2, Close Up (10-1); 3, Last Christmas (16-1). Taverner Society 5-2 fav. 18 ran. NR: Anemos, Be My Chance. 1½l, 1½l. S bin Suroor. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £4.60, £9.70. DF: £59.90. Trio: £115.20. CSF: £38.90.

4.45 (5f 2yd) 1, Blue Iris (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Crofters Ceilidh (12-1); 3, Rambling Bear (9-4 fav). 8 ran. ¾l, 1¼l. M Jarvis. Tote: £6.30; £2.90, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £40.60. CSF: £71.68.

5.15 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Edan Heights (P Doe, 10-1); 2, Cherokee Flight (7-1); 3, Secret Ballot (14-1); 4, Zamalek (5-1 fav). 18 ran. NR: Kissel. Nk, 1¾l. S Dow. Tote: £14.70; £4.00, £3.30, £6.10, £1.80. DF: £81.30. Trio: £340.00. CSF: £84.64. Tricast: £959.15.

5.45 (7f 9yd) 1, Sensory (Paul Eddery, 7-1); 2, Shart (11-8 fav); 3, Fly By Night (12-1). 19 ran. NR: Mutatarr. ¾l, 3l. B Hills. Tote: £9.90; £2.10, £1.70, £5.10. DF: £11.60. Trio: £111.50. CSF: £17.95.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £50,746.81 carried forward to Doncaster today).

Placepot: £65.00. Quadpot: £14.50.

Lingfield Park

Going: good

2.00 (6f) 1, Bahamian Melody (K Fallon, 5-2, *Richard Evans's nap*); 2, Tightrope (9-4 fav); 3, Leonic (20-1). 12 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. D Loder. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £5.20. Trio: £76.00. CSF: £8.24.

2.30 (7f) 1, Jibe (K Fallon, 4-9 fav); 2, Winsa (4-1); 3, Frond (20-1). 15 ran. NR: Alborada, Migrate. 4l, nk. H Cecil. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.10, £4.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.60.

3.00 (7f) 1, Vocation (Dane O'Neill, 33-1); 2, Honey Storm (10-1); 3, Pride Of Place (4-1). Muhaba 2-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Precision Finish. Nk, sh hd. P Webber. Tote: £44.40; £7.90, £3.10, £2.40. DF: £1,125.00. CSF: £318.15.

3.30 (7f 140yd) 1, Holy Wine (R Cochrane, 4-1 fav); 2, Simlet (6-1); 3, Short Romance (20-1); 4, Cosmic Countess (11-2). 17 ran. NR: Mystagogue. 3l, 1l. D Loder. Tote: £5.60; £2.20, £2.00, £4.00, £1.50. DF: £33.40. Trio: £425.90. CSF: £25.19. Tricast: £441.61.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, Harlequin Walk (J Quinn, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Magazine Gap (20-1); 3, Don't Drop Bombs (8-1). Father Dan 11-4 jt-fav. 14 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £10.10, £2.70. DF: £110.80. Trio: £344.60. CSF: £72.74. Tricast: £396.06.

4.30 (7f) 1, Damaway (K Fallon, 4-6 fav); 2, Floating Charge (9-1); 3, Blushing Desert (25-1). 15 ran. 6l, 2½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £2.60, £10.30. DF: £11.10. CSF: £7.88.

5.00 (7f) 1, Safey Ana (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, Delta Soleil (7-1); 3, Victory Team (10-1); 4, Pleading (20-1). Polish Romance 7-2 fav. 18 ran. 2l, 1½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £8.10; £2.30, £2.00, £5.40, £8.40. DF: £30.60. Trio: £124.60. CSF: £47.68. Tricast: £412.97.

5.30 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Awesome Wells (K Fallon, Evens fav); 2, Terne Valley (5-1); 3, Snow Partridge (2-1). 10 ran. NR: Jester Minute. 3½l, 14l. H Cecil. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £6.10. CSF: £5.33.

Placepot: £185.10. Quadpot: £35.60.

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RACING: DETTORI DISCOVERS WORTHY ADVERSARY IN BATTLE FOR JOCKEYS' TITLE

Fallon going flat out for crown

By Chris McGrath

THE rate they are going, neither will have much left come the end of the season — but you can, for the moment, learn a good deal about the men duelling for the 1997 Flat jockeys' championship from their haircut.

The polished Italian, Frankie Dettori, wears his dark and oiled, the icing on the cake of a gleaming wardrobe and personality. The lanky mane of his rival, the scarred and pallid Celt, Kieren Fallon, by contrast hangs loosely from the back of his helmet — lending him an almost medieval, war-like look.

They have in common an intransigence in the saddle that has, thus far, allowed neither to steal a march. Fallon's five winners yesterday were countered by three from Dettori, putting Fallon four winners ahead, 137 to 133.

But where Dettori is exuberant, Fallon has — in his time — revealed a core of wildness. His appointment as Henry Cecil's stable jockey this year represented startling vindication for a talent that he had long seemed destined to squander. Not through the usual distractions, either; it was on the racecourse itself that Fallon's career looked like being nasty, brutish and short. When, five years ago at Beverley, he pulled a fellow rider, Stuart Webster, from his saddle — incensed by what he considered dangerous riding — his six-month ban seemed the final straw.

But after serving his sentence riding work in America, Fallon returned with refined timing and balance, to add to his indomitable strength. If he did not exactly keep his nose clean afterwards, he at least refrained from breaking anyone else's. Last year, when he rode 135 winners, he began to be noticed beyond the northern circuit. Still, nobody expected Cecil, that drawling exquisite, to have been paying the slightest attention.

As surprised as any, Fallon retains a wide-eyed air, slow and gentle, that sits strangely with his fiery background. His shy smile has been one of the season's happiest motifs. Has he softened, this crag of County Clare? "I still get annoyed with myself, the least little thing can trigger me," he says. "When I get beaten after traffic problems in a race, I kick myself. But Jimmy Fitzgerald [who gave him his first job in Britain] told me to relax, that it only costs one person if I don't.

"Frankie is the same — we say his bottom lip's on the ground when things go wrong. But it's only if it means so much to you that your record can be as good as his. There are a lot of good jockeys around who do not achieve what they should." Fallon hints that his flaws result directly from his strengths — from the bravura that gets horses to win for him alone.

Though the senior protagonist, at 32, Fallon is the novice to this arena. That lingering rawness has caused him some sticky moments this summer, notably Bosra Sham's defeat at Sandown; in contrast to some of his grand new associates, however, he behaved throughout with dignity. "I know there is improvement still in me, and that, in this job, I will make that improvement. I don't feel pressure, as I have the same determination to win a little race as a big one. But I had to make it work, and my target this year was to win a classic [he has won two].

"I haven't been as confident as I will be next year. My life in racing has been like a jigsaw puzzle, and now that there are only a few pieces left, they're falling into place that much easier. It should be complete next year. That's when I want to be champion. I never even thought about it this year. So I might just give Frankie the edge this time. But I'll hound him all the way."

PETER TRIEVNOR

Fallon returns after riding Jibe, the second of his five winners at Lingfield yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: QUEEN SALOTE
(2.05 Doncaster)
Next best: Celtic Cross
(3.50 Kempton Park)

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

1.30 Teapot Row
2.05 Carambo
2.35 BOLLIN JOANNE (nap)
3.10 Crown Of Light
3.40 Hello Mister
4.10 Sausalito Bay
4.40 Rudimental

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.10 THE FARAWAY TREE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Queen Salote.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) D-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — *blinkers.* V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — *course and distance winner.* BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. *Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance.* Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM *DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST*
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

1.30 QUEENS OWN YORKSHIRE DRAGOONS CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,599: 7f) (6 runners)

101	(5)	41	MUSHRAAF 40 (F) (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-3	L Dettori	95
102	(6)	41	GOLDEN DICE 16 (D,G) (S Khaled) H Cecil 9-1	K Fallon	108
103	(2)	21	MAHBOOB 25 (D,F) (H al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-1	R Hills	114
104	(3)	14	TEAPOT ROW 22 (G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-1	M Roberts	124
105	(4)	4	GULLAND 19 (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 8-11	M Hills	91
106	(1)	3	VOODOO SAINT 25 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	101

BETTING: 3-1 Teapot Row, 7-2 Mahboob, 9-2 Golden Dice, 5-1 Mushraaf, Voodoo Saint, 6-1 Gulland.

1996: BENNY THE DIP 9-1 L Dettori (7-4) J Gosden 5 ran

FORM FOCUS Mushraaf beat Wrekin Pilot sh hd in 6f Salisbury stakes (good to firm). Golden Dice beat Khalas sh hd in 7f Newcastle maiden (good). Mahboob beat Profix 1l in 7f Newbury maiden (good to firm) with Voodoo Saint (4lb better off) 3½l 3rd. Teapot Row 6¾l 4th to Saratoga Springs in 7f York stakes (good). Gulland 5½l 4th to Fantasy Island in 7f Newmarket maiden (good)

TEAPOT ROW can underline the merit of his performance at York

2.05 EBF CARRIE RED FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP
C4

(2-Y-O: £17,730: 6f 110yd) (19 runners)

201	(3)	21204	PACIFICA 8 (G) (T Wells) R Boss 9-7	K Fallon	107
202	(11)	5803110	JAY GEE 32 (F,G) (J Guest) G Margarson 9-4	G Carter	110
203	(14)	104	ASCOT CYCLONE 62 (F) (S Bel Obaida) B Hills 9-4	M Hills	94
204	(16)	215	FILFILAH 46 (G) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	R Hills	118
205	(19)	01	STAR OF GROSVENOR 22 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8	J Reid	101
206	(10)	202022	JILTED 29 (BF) (M Hynes) R Hannon 8-7	Martin Dwyer	113
207	(12)	33130	ZIZI 22 (F) (N Shields) K Burke 8-6	D Sweeney (3)	107
208	(8)	162400	OCCHI VERDI 16 (G) (G Mitchell) M Johnston 8-4	D Holland	99
209	(15)	0221061	PHONE ALEX 32 (G) (J B R Leisure Ltd) R Hannon 8-2	C Lowther (5)	104
210	(17)	213320	BRANSTON BERRY 15 (S) (Diamond Racing Ltd) J Eyre 7-12	A Mackay	96
211	(13)	2622010	CARAMBO 19 (C & D Stephenson Ltd) J Eyre 7-11	R Winston (7)	108
212	(9)	601	BELLE DE NUIT 18 (F) (R Withers) B Meehan 7-10	J Quinn	97
213	(7)	203	LADY FROM LIMERICK 27 (T Doherty) J Berry 7-10	P Fessey (3)	88
214	(4)	004	QUEEN SALOTE 18 (Cheveley Park Stud) D Loder 7-10	R Ffrench (3)	87
215	(5)	0113	TANCRED TIMES 8 (D,G) (Ebor Partnership) D Barker 7-10	T Williams	99
216	(18)	054230	SHALYAH 19 (BF) (J Abell) Mrs J Ramsden 7-10	L Charnock	97
217	(2)	443306	FIRE GODDESS 18 (Mrs V Goodman) J S Moore 7-10	M Baird (3)	104
218	(6)	434	RICH CHOICE 53 (Mrs J Vickers) J Bethell 7-10	R Mullen (5)	89
219	(1)	650	ROBIN LANE 29 (Mr & Mrs G Middlebrook) I Balding 7-10	A Polli (5)	87

Long handicap: Lady From Limerick 7-8, Queen Salote 7-8, Tancred Times 7-8, Shalyah 7-7, Fire Goddess 7-6, Rich Choice 7-4, Robin Lane 7-2.

BETTING: 6-1 Star Of Grosvenor, 7-1 Jilted, 8-1 Ascot Cyclone, 10-1 Jay Gee, Phone Alex, Belle De Nuit, Shalyah, 12-1 others

1996: NIGHTBIRD 8-13 M Hills (12-1) B Hills 22 ran

FORM FOCUS Jay Gee 9½l last of 8 to *Diamond White* in 7f Newmarket fillies listed stakes (good to firm). Ascot Cyclone 7¾l last of 4 to Baltic State in 7f Newmarket listed stakes (good). Filfilah 7½l 5th to *Embassy in 6f Ascot group III stakes (soft). Star Of Grosvenor beat Matata ½l in 7f Folkestone* maiden (good to firm). Jilted 2½l 2nd to First Village in 5f Bath maiden (good) with Robin Lane (11lb better off) 12l 11th and Belle De Nuit (11lb better off) 13l 12th. Occhi Verdi 8½l 8th to Bobbydazzle in 1m Newcastle handicap (good). Phone Alex beat Ambitious neck in 6f Lingfield novice (good). Belle De Nuit beat Carinthia neck in 6f Windsor maiden (good to firm). Lady From Limerick 6l 3rd to Fizzed in 5f Beverley maiden (good to soft). Queen Salote 10l 4th to Gemsha Swing in 6f Newmarket maiden (good to firm).

QUEEN SALOTE is open to considerable improvement and looks well treated

2.35 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK SALES SCARBROUGH STAKES (Listed race: £11,169: 5f) (11 runners)
C4

301	(11)	0-10000	CROFT POOL 20 (CD,F,G) (Countrywide Classics Ltd) J Glover 6-10-0	G Carter	119
302	(5)	0-31000	ALMATY 20 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) J Gosden 4-9-10	L Dettori	98
303	(9)	0-62010	STRUGGLER 20 (D,F,G) (Lord Lloyd-Webber) D Loder 5-9-10	R Cochrane	114
304	(3)	1211133	BLESSINGINDISGUISE 22 (B,D,F,G) (A Black) M W Easterby 4-9-7	T Lucas	108
305	(10)	3300540	BOLSHOI 20 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 5-9-7	Emma O'Gorman	116
306	(2)	6004345	BRAVE EDGE 10 (D,F,G) (Harris Vale Pinrs) R Hannon 6-9-7	D Holland	114
307	(1)	3313322	BISHOPS COURT 60 (BF,D,G,S) (D Brotherton) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-6	J Fortune	110
308	(7)	1-05620	EASYCALL 20 (CD,F,G,S) (Easycall Partnership) B Meehan 3-9-6	M Tebbutt	112
309	(8)	1162-	TIPSY CREEK 385 (BF,D,F) (H al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 3-9-6	R Hills	—
310	(4)	01-1322	BOLLIN JOANNE 16 (BF,F,G) (Lady Westbrook) T Easterby 4-9-2	K Fallon	[illegible]
311	(6)	13145-	CARMINE LAKE 339 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-1	J Reid	—

BETTING: 7-2 Bollin Joanne, 5-1 Bishops Court, 6-1 Easycall, 8-1 Almaty, Struggler, Brave Edge, 10-1 Blessingindisguise, Bolshoi, 12-1 others

1996: ANZIO 5-8-12 R Cochrane (14-1) Miss G Kelleway 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Blessingindisguise ½l 3rd to Plaisir D'Amour in 6f York handicap (good). Bolshoi 3½l 8th to Coastal Bluff in 5f York group I Nunthorpe Stakes (good) with Croft Pool (7lb worse off) 6½l 11th, Easycall (1lb worse off) 7½l 12th, Struggler (3lb worse off) 8¼l 13th and Almaty (3lb worse off) 18l last. Brave Edge 5¼l 5th to Pas De Reponse in 6f Deauville group III stakes (heavy). Bishops Court 1¾l 2nd to Tedburrow in 5f Chester stakes (good to firm) with Bolshoi (6lb better off) 2¼l 5th and Struggler (1lb better off) 6¾l 7th. Tipsy Creek 1¾l 2nd to Janib in 5f York listed stakes (good to firm). *Bollin Joanne 1¾l 2nd to Elnadim in 6f Newmarket listed stakes (6f, good). Carmine Lake* 3¾l 5th to Kistena in 5f Longchamp group I (good to soft) with Struggler (12lb better off) 4l 7th.

BISHOPS COURT is unexposed and can justify this step up in class

3.10 PARK HILL STAKES
C4

(Group III: £20,000: 1m 6f 132yd) (7 runners)

401	(6)	210-531	ANNO LUCE 53 (V,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-6	L Dettori	115
402	(3)	31-5223	PUCE 21 (G) (Fitzroy Stud Ltd) L Cumani 4-9-3	K Darley	101
403	(5)	314-045	SNOW PRINCESS 60 (C,D,F,G,S) (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-3	J Reid	100
404	(2)	1-14322	SWEETNESS HERSELF 74 (C,G,S) (Mrs M Lavell) M Ryan 4-9-3	G Carter	107
405	(1)	0313233	BOOK AT BEDTIME 18 (S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-5	M Roberts	117
406	(7)	1-41333	CROWN OF LIGHT 21 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-5	R Cochrane	126
407	(4)	1-0632	THE FARAWAY TREE 20 (F) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-5	M Hills	128

BETTING: 2-1 Crown Of Light, 3-1 Anno Luce, 6-1 Sweetness Herself, The Faraway Tree, 7-1 Puce, 8-1 others.

1996: EVA LUNA 4-9-3 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS Anno Luce beat Kaifana 2l in 1½m Newmarket listed stakes (good to firm). Puce ¾l 3rd to Far Ahead in 1¾m York handicap (good). Snow Princess 14l 5th to Benatom in 1¾m York handicap (good to firm). Sweetness Herself 1l 2nd to Windsor Castle in 2m Newcastle handicap (soft). Crown Of *Light 2½l 3rd to My Emma in 1½m York group I stakes (good). The Faraway Tree 3l 2nd to Kaliana* in 1½m York listed stakes (good) with Book At Bedtime (levels) 11l 3rd.

CROWN OF LIGHT, running here instead of the St Leger, should win easily

3.40 TOTE-PORTLAND HANDICAP
C4

(£18,128: 5f 140yd) (22 runners)

501	(6)	2052133	DASHING BLUE 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 4-9-12	K Darley	112
502	(5)	150-000	THE PUZZLER 7 (D,G,S) (Lady Richard Wellesley) B Hills 6-9-7	M Hills	—
503	(10)	0130410	TADEO 7 (D,F,G,S) (J Good) M Johnston 4-9-7	Dean McKeown	108
504	(2)	0210626	INDIAN SPARK 31 (C,D,F,S) (F Brady) W G M Turner 3-9-7	D McGaffin (7)	99
505	(15)	2-05010	NIGRASINE 39 (V,D,F,G) (M Gleeson) J Eyre 3-9-7	O Pears	109
506	(19)	0525120	MY BEST VALENTINE 25 (BF,F,G,S) (Valentines) V Soane 7-9-7	R Cochrane	111
507	(4)	3066000	SYLVA PARADISE 39 (D,F,S) (E Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 4-9-5	J Carroll	99
508	(5)	3254200	VENTURE CAPITALIST 22 (D,F,G) (W Swears) D Nicholls 8-9-5	Alex Greaves	88
509	(1)	5043040	HELLO MISTER 26 (CD,F,G,S) (B Mitten) T Powell 6-9-3	P McCabe (3)	113
510	(12)	060030	ASTRAC 7 (CD,F,S) (T Beecroft) N Tinkler 6-9-2	Kim Tinkler	79
511	(7)	020504	BOLD EFFORT 18 (B,D,F,S) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-1	J Reid	114
512	(14)	512303	TWICE AS SHARP 25 (D,F,G) (Formula Twelve) P Harris 5-8-13	C Lowther (5)	106
513	(17)	650-505	BLUE RIDGE 13 (F) (S Al Homeizi) V Soane 3-8-12	G Duffield	100
514	(16)	0101140	BOWDEN ROSE 16 (B,D,F,G) (G Bailey) M Blanshard 5-8-12	D Sweeney (3)	108
515	(11)	1114432	SURPRISE MISSION 47 (C,F,G,S) (D Brotherton) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-11	J Fortune	108
516	(20)	0006522	PATSY GRIMES 11 (D,F,G,S) (J Grimes) J S Moore 7-8-11	P P Murphy (3)	111
517	(9)	5020001	WESTCOURT MAGIC 11 (D,F,G,S) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 4-8-11	L Dettori	[illegible]
518	(22)	5413406	SHARP HAT 25 (CD,F,G,S) (J Smith) R Hannon 3-8-9	R Ffrench (3)	103
519	(18)	1610533	PRINCE DOME 7 (D,F,S) (G Jones) M Wane 3-8-8	A Whelan (3)	100
520	(8)	3424214	LADY SHERIFF 16 (B,BF,F,G) (E Mangan) M W Easterby 6-8-6	R Winston (7)	109
521	(13)	1400003	REPERTORY 11 (G) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-8-6	A Mackay	102
522	(21)	0000100	LAGO DI VARANO 22 (B,C,F,G,S) (PBT Group) R Whitaker 5-8-5	K Fallon	110

BETTING: 7-1 Surprise Mission, 8-1 Patsy Grimes, 9-1 Dashing Blue, 10-1 My Best Valentine, 11-1 Westcourt Magic, 12-1 Tadeo, Hello Mister, Sharp Hat, 14-1 others.

1996: MUSICAL SEASON 4-8-5 K Darley (33-1) T Barron 21 ran

FORM FOCUS Dashing Blue 2½l 3rd to *My Melody Parkes in 5f Lingfield stakes* (good to soft). My Best Valentine 10l 17th to Tadeo (6lb worse off) in 6f Ripon handicap (good to firm). Hello Mister 11l last of 10 to Decorated Hero in 7f Newbury group III stakes at (good to firm). Twice As Sharp 1¾l 3rd to Willow Dale in 5f Newbury handicap (good to firm). Surprise Mission 1½l 2nd to Blessingindisguise in 5f Ascot handicap (good) with Prince Dome (1lb worse off) 3¼l 5th and Twice As Sharp (3lb better off) 5½l 7th. Patsy Grimes 1¾l 2nd to Rudi's Pet in 5f Sandown handicap (soft) with Repertory (5lb better off) 3¼l 3rd. Westcourt Magic beat Squire Corrie 3l in 5f Chester handicap (soft). Prince Dome 8¼l 3rd to Double Action in 6f York handicap (soft). Lady Sheriff 1¾l 4th to *Gaelic Storm in 5f Epsom handicap (good to soft)*

WESTCOURT MAGIC, with Dettori up, needs only to reproduce Chester running

4.10 *FARINGDON PLACE MALLARD HANDICAP*
(£17,084: 1m 6f 132yd) (18 runners)

601	(7)	0-03311	SHAFT OF LIGHT 16 (V,F,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 5-10-0	K Darley	111
602	(18)	025012	TYKEYVOR 25 (C,F,S) (Seymour B'stock) Lady Herries 7-9-13	C Lowther (5)	106
603	(17)	6-21556	TOP CEES 21 (D,F,G,S) (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 7-9-11	J Fortune	99
604	(12)	300400	STATE FAIR 11 (F) (R Richards) B Hills 3-9-9	P Fessey (3)	105
605	(6)	40-0114	JAZZ KING 43 (F,G) (Widcombe Manor Ltd) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-8	J Reid	100
606	(11)	430201	SAUSALITO BAY 22 (G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 3-9-1	R Cochrane	113
607	(8)	1410200	PREMIER NIGHT 21 (F,G) (D Churston) S Dow 4-9-0	G Carter	101
608	(3)	0336506	FLETCHER 25 (F) (Lady Margadale) H Morrison 3-8-13	R Ffrench (3)	[illegible]
609	(10)	604-103	PRINCE KINSKY 102 (F) (Mrs A Bickel) J Old 4-8-13	M Roberts	100
610	(13)	4110	KILMA 39 (F,G) (Shaikh A al-Maktoum) L Cumani 3-8-13	L Dettori	99
611	(1)	34414	MACHIAVELLI 25 (G) (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) H Cecil 3-8-11	K Fallon	96
612	(16)	413130	ONEFOURSEVEN 42 (BF,C,F,G) (J Roundtree) J Eyre 4-8-10	T Williams	99
613	(5)	0-4331	MARSUL 32 (V,F) (H al-Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-9	R Hills	97
614	(9)	50-1212	TURNPOLE 109 (BF,F,G,S) (W Williams) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-9	A Culhane	96
615	(14)	46-3411	VALAGALORE 32 (F,G) (Mrs A Bourne) B Hills 3-8-7	M Hills	109
616	(2)	5202-46	SEA VICTOR 12 (C,F,G) (J Abell) J L Harris 5-8-6	D Holland	110
617	(15)	0-64000	BERLIN BLUE 16 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 4-8-6	J Carroll	88
618	(4)	0243135	GEORGIA VENTURE 22 (G) (Dr F Chao) S Woods 3-8-3	G Duffield	100

BETTING: 5-1 Sausalito Bay, 6-1 Top Cees, Valagalore, 8-1 Shaft Of Light, Marsul, 10-1 Tykeyvor, 12-1 others

1996: CORRADINI 4-9-10 K Fallon (evens fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS Shaft Of Light beat Brandon Magic 4l in 1½m Epsom handicap (good to soft). Tykeyvor 1¾l 2nd to Rokeby Bowl in 1½m Newbury stakes (good to firm) with Machiavelli (6lb better off) 5l 4th and Fletcher (2lb better off) 6½l 6th. Top Cees 4¾l 6th to Far Ahead in 1¾m York handicap (good). Sausalito Bay beat Mithak 6l in 1¾m York handicap (good) with Georgia Venture (8lb better off) 14l 5th. Prince Kinsky 5l 3rd to Roisin Clover in 1½m Kempton handicap (good to firm). Marsul beat Sir Ricky neck in 1½m Newmarket maiden (good to firm). Turnpole 1¾l 2nd to Embryonic in 2m Doncaster handicap *(good to firm). Valagalore beat Far Ahead 2½l in 1¾m* Haydock handicap (good to firm)

SAUSALITO BAY was very impressive at York and should follow up

4.40 SITWELL ARMS AT RENISHAW LIMITED STAKES
(£4,698: 1m 2f 60yd) (12 runners)

1	(10)	60105	MITHALI 15 (S) (H al-Maktoum) B Hills 4-9-6	R Hills	87
2	(11)	2352245	BILLY BUSHWACKER 15 (C,F,S) (T Child) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-4	A Culhane	84
3	(7)	/0/500/	PALATIAL STYLE 732 (CD,F,G) (Skyline Racing Ltd) P Makin 10-9-4	J Fortune	—
4	(6)	0120010	PARTY ROMANCE 26 (F,G) (A Ali) B Hanbury 3-9-1	M Hills	103
5	(8)	3-01506	ANOTHER NIGHT 47 (F) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 3-8-13	D Holland	98
6	(9)	12	METEOR STRIKE 31 (D,F) (K Abdulla) Mrs A Perrett 3-8-13	M Roberts	89
7	(4)	0-213	RAHVIE 53 (D,F) (Mrs A Birkett) E Weymes 3-8-13	K Darley	87
8	(2)	31-1202	RUDIMENTAL 47 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 3-8-13	G Duffield	95
9	(12)	20-3364	ECHO-DA 7J (S) (Mr & Mrs Mercer) M Bell 3-8-11	K Fallon	91
10	(1)	3-631	SAAFEYA 24 (F) (Shaikh A al-Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-10	L Dettori	90
11	(3)	3004130	SILENT VALLEY 25 (V,D,F) (Mrs S Cooper) Miss L Siddall 3-8-10	T Siddall (7)	80
12	(5)	3-40020	STONE FLOWER 42 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-8	J Reid	101

BETTING: 5-2 Saafeya, 6-1 Rudimental, 7-1 Meteor Strike, 8-1 Billy Bushwacker, Rahvie, 10-1 others

1996: OOPS PETTIE 3-8-10 W R Swinburn (11-2) Mrs J Cecil 11 ran

FORM FOCUS Mithali 3¾l 5th to Iskoff in 1¼m Ripon handicap (good to firm). Meteor Strike ½l 2nd to Dantesque in 1¼m Yarmouth limited stakes (good to firm). Rahvie neck 3rd to Captain Scott in 1¼m Ayr stakes (good to firm). Rudimental 1¼l 2nd to Manazil in 1¼m Ascot handicap (good) with *Another Night (2lb better off) 4¼l 6th. Saafeya beat Beach Buoy 6l in 1m Pontefract maiden stakes* (good to firm).

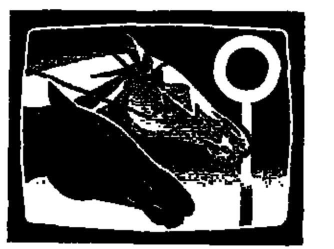
RUDIMENTAL can strike now that connections have realised he needs holding up

Surprise Mission to prove fruitful

DONCASTER
CHANNEL 4

2.05: Zizi, a good third to the useful Halmahera at Goodwood, Jay Gee, the winner of a Newmarket nursery, and the lightly weighted pair, Belle De Nuit and Tancred Times, all have sound chances. However, a handful of these look capable of improving significantly now that they are stepped up in trip and / or running in a handicap for the first time. None makes more appeal than **Queen Salote**, after three promising runs under considerate handling in maidens. Although she is 2lb out of the handicap, the excellent Royston Ffrench claims 3lb and David Loder saddled a double yesterday.

2.35: In a race best avoided for betting, the consistent Bollin Joanne is the form choice after four good efforts this term but is far from sure to be suited by the step back to the minimum trip. The in-form Blessingindisguise must find further improvement in this class and it could be worth taking a risk with two runners making their belated seasonal debut. Carmine Lake won the Molecomb Stakes last summer and was not disgraced in the Prix de l'Abbaye. **Tipsy Creek** showed fine speed to win the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot last year and will go close if back to that.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.10: Crown Of Light was among the five-day declarations for the St Leger but misses the classic in favour of this easier race and the hint should be taken. The Michael Stoute-trained Mtoto filly, third in the Epsom and Yorkshire Oaks, is the clear form choice and her breeding suggests she should be even more effective over this longer trip. Anno Luce and The Faraway Tree have solid place claims, while Snow Princess keeps her best for this time of year.

3.40: Surprise Mission has never raced beyond the minimum trip, but the way the Lynda Ramsden runner travels in his races suggests this slightly longer distance should be within his compass. An easy winner at Chester earlier this year, he has run well since and should be fresh after a seven-week break. Twice As Sharp holds solid claims along with Bowden Rose, who may well prefer this slightly shorter trip.

Richard Evans

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Doncaster

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 22 winners from 95 runners, 23.2%; G Wragg, 11 from 48, 22.9%; *J Gosden, 31 from 141, 22.0%*; B Hills, 32 from 161, 19.9%; J Dunlop, 27 from 137, 19.7%; Gay Kelleway, 6 from 32, 18.8%; M Stoute, 18 from 96, 18.8%; D Loder, 9 *from 49*, 18.4%.

JOCKEYS: P McCabe, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; M Hills, 31 from 163, 19.0%; D Holland, 11 from 58, 19.0%; L Dettori, 38 from 206, 18.4%; R Hills, 13 from 80, 16.3%; M Baird, 4 from 29, 13.8%; K Darley, 34 from 258, 13.2%.

Kempton Park

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 3 winners from 12 runners, 25.0%; R Armstrong, 7 from 35, 20.0%; *M Stoute, 19 from 95, 20.0%*; G Wragg, 7 from 40, 17.5%; R Charlton, 10 from 59, 16.9%; H Cecil, 10 from 63, 15.9%; J Fanshawe, 10 from 67, 14.9%; W Musson, 6 *from 42, 14.3%*; R Hannon, 39 from 280, 13.9%; J Pearce, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 45 winners from 214 rides, 21.0%; D McCabe, 5 from 32, 15.6%; T Quinn, 30 from 229, 13.1%. Only qualifiers.

Exeter

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 73 winners from 278 runners, 26.3%; A Dunn, 5 from 25, 20.0%; *P Hobbs*, 22 from 120, 18.3%; D Burchell, 4 from 22, 18.2%; J King, 8 from 48, 16.7%; R Alner, 10 from 73, 13.7%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 31 winners from 126 rides, 24.6%; A McCoy, 25 from 111, 22.5%; J Culloty, 3 from 14, 21.4%; G Supple, 3 from 16, 18.8%; D J Burchell, *3 from 18, 16.7%*; L Harvey, 9 *from 67*, 13.4%; J Kavanagh, 4 from 38, 10.5%; A Maguire, 6 from 59, 10.2%.

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FOOTBALL

Breakaway clubs offer cash to those left behind

By Phil Gordon

MONEY is at the root of all things in modern football, behind transfers, new stands and stadiums and especially success, and it is money that is the driving force behind the proposed breakaway of the leading clubs in Scotland to form a new, independent "premier league". It emerged yesterday that it may also be the carrot that persuades clubs left behind in what is left of the Bell's Scottish League to accept the change to the status *quo.*

The leading clubs — Rangers, Celtic, Hibernian, Heart of Midlothian, Aberdeen, Dunfermline, Dundee United, Kilmarnock, Motherwell and St Johnstone, who make up the existing *premier division,* plus Raith Rovers, who were relegated from the top flight last season — confirmed that they *plan to leave the Scottish* Football League (SFL) at the end of the season and also that they are preparing to negotiate *their* own television and sponsorship deals in much the same way as the FA Premier League has done in England. *They,* however, also promised to provide extra income for the clubs that do not join their elite.

In revealing the blueprint for the future, Lex Gold, the chairman of Hibernian, who was acting as the clubs' spokesman in Glasgow yesterday, insisted that the new set-up would fund the clubs who *remain with the SFL.* "We need to improve the quality and image of Scottish football with a new structure," Gold *said.* "We *don't want to threaten* or disadvantage anyone and we have agreed funding for the other clubs who remain in the SFL as part of our plan."

That plan could be rubber-stamped at a Scottish league management committee next week. The would-be breakaway clubs will hold the balance of voting power in that meeting and agreement to their proposal would waive the right to wait the necessary two years under existing SFL *rules. Gold said that the* intention was to have the new league up and running by next August, the start of the 1998-*1999 season.*

The rebels' desire to strike their own television and sponsor deals was prompted by the refusal of the SFL to listen to their pleas for change. "We approached the SFL almost a year ago and got no encouragement, so we decided to do it ourselves," Gold said. "We have engaged the top sports marketing company, IMG, to look at our product and come up with commercial proposals to improve the lot of *Scottish football."*

It is intended for there to remain a ten-team top division, but with only one club being promoted and relegated. There is scope to expand to 16 teams. The clubs, however, want to change the financial structure of the top flight. At the moment, television and sponsorship net only £10.5 *million for Scotland's clubs* and all contracts expire at the end of this season. The clubs believe they can raise up to £25 million by striking new terms with satellite and terrestial television companies, plus sponsors.

"IMG's analysis is that a better-run premier division would attract more cash," *Gold said. "The time for action* has arrived. We want the new structure in place as soon as possible to secure the long-term viability of Scottish football."

Testing stage poses problems for Irish

From Russell Kempson
in Vilnius, Lithuania

AS THE Ireland squad trained here yesterday in the Valgiris Stadium that will stage their World Cup qualifying match against Lithuania this evening, only the small board advertising "France 98" indicated the significance of the occasion. Victory for either side would edge them to within touching distance of the play-offs and a possible route to the finals next year.

Apart from the hoarding, little else suggested that group eight's day of reckoning had almost arrived. The ground *lies rotting and rusting,* the uneven pitch would offend a Sunday morning park player and the interest from the local basketball-loving populus appears only marginally more than nil. It is an alien and unnerving environment in which the players must produce their most telling display of the 18-month campaign.

Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, is unworried by the playing surface, which is lush of grass and weeds, or the penalty spot at one end that appears to have been positioned well off-centre. He is also untroubled by the need to replace Andy Townsend, Jeff Kenna and Mark Kennedy in the side that won 4-2 in Iceland on Saturday. Denis Irwin, Jason McAteer and, *probably, Terry Phelan will* come in, with Steve Staunton, the likely captain in the absence of Townsend, moving from full back to midfield.

IRELAND (probable, 4-1-4-1): S Given (Newcastle United) — D Irwin (Manchester Utd), K Cunningham (Wimbledon), I Harte (Leeds United), T Phelan (Everton) — R Keane (Manchester United) — G Kelly (Leeds United), J McAteer (Liverpool), A McLoughlin (Portsmouth), S Staunton (Aston Villa) — D Connolly (Feyenoord)
LITHUANIA (5-3-2): G Stauce (MSV Duisberg) — T Zlukas (VfB Leipzig), A Skerla (Zalgiris Vilnius), R Valnoras (Sokol), T Kanchelskis (Kareda), A Tereskinas (Zalgiris Vilnius) — R Zutautas (Alania Vladikavkaz), A Narbekovas (Admira Wacker), S Mikalajunas (Kareda) — V Ivanauskas (SV Salzburg), E Jankauskas (Torpedo Luzhniki).
Referee: G Bikas (Greece).

GROUP EIGHT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	8	8	0	0	32	3	24
Ireland	8	4	2	2	19	6	14
Lithuania	8	4	2	2	8	5	14
Macedonia	9	4	1	4	21	16	13
Iceland	8	1	3	4	7	12	6
Liechtenstein	9	0	0	9	3	48	0

MATCHES TO COME: Today: Romania v Iceland, Lithuania v Ireland. Oct 11: Iceland v Liechtenstein; Ireland v Romania; Macedonia v Lithuania.

ASHLEY COOMBES

Brunton's winning score earned him a Porsche — but only for three months

Crack shots fail feat of clay

By Nick Szczepanik

THE Porsche 911 Carrera 4 is only a car — in the same way that Michael Johnson is *only a runner. Hence the enthusiasm* of 80 amateur clay pigeon shooters gathered at the Royal Berkshire Shooting School yesterday for the final of *The Times* Porsche Challenge. A score of 23 clays out of 25, you see, would win the car.

Those present represented the top scorers from a field of 805, including overseas en*trants, who had each paid an* initial £47 for a pot at the Porsche, with qualifying beginning last October.

To call the finalists "amateurs", while technically correct, gives a misleading impression. George Digweed, the world champion, who, as *an instructor at the school,* was ineligible to enter, put it succinctly: "The hard core of the shooting world is here today."

Even such experienced shots had never competed for such a prize, worth £72,000 — which brought its own problems. "It is the biggest prize that has ever been put up and to have that at the end is a massive pressure," Digweed said.

During the morning eliminator, the 79 men and one woman moved between targets of varying difficulty. The top 14 shot it out for the car. In the end nobody reached the *magic figure of 23. Ben* Brunton, who shot 20, was closest and gets to keep the car for three months — but has to pay his own insurance.

Winner or no winner, it was a noisy business, but not, apparently, dangerous, thanks to a safety-conscious approach, even for the local wildlife, which is generally safe on clay-shooting grounds.

There was more risk, in fact, of going deaf than being *shot. Right, George?*

"Pardon?"

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bradford fight to keep Paul

By Our Sports Staff

THE value of Robbie Paul to Bradford Bulls can hardly be exaggerated. *Bradford built* their team around the scrum half and, having done so, they went on to win the Stones *Super League this summer* by a country mile. The thought of losing him, then, for the season's finale has not been greeted with glee at Odsal.

Indeed, it has provoked a rancourous club versus country dispute between the Bulls and New Zealand, who have called Paul and Richie Blackmore, the Leeds Rhinos centre, into the squad to face Australia, the world champions, on Friday, September 26, which would rule the Bradford captain out of the final of the Stones Premiership two days later — should Bradford qualify.

Bradford are particularly angered by a lack of consultation by the New Zealand Rugby Football League, which *has called on Paul twice this* season already. He missed part of the club's pre-season training to play in the world nines' tournament in Townsville, Queensland, in January and was absent during the club's Silk Cut Challenge Cup run in April, when he made his international debut against Australia in Brisbane.

"It's the third time this situation has arisen," Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, said. "It appears ludi*crous to me that an interna*tional match should be scheduled two days before the Premiership final. Turn it around and say we played a match between France and Great Britain two days before the grand final, in which Auckland were appearing. What would Auckland's reaction be if Denis Betts was called up by Britain?"

Chris Caisley, the Bradford chairman, said: "We've been extremely amenable thus far *in* recognition of the need to progress Robbie's career and also to support the international competition, but this is the third time it has happened this season and I think there should be some recognition of the part that we have played. It is up to Robbie first of all, he's got to make his mind up how he feels the situation lies. *I wouldn't be surprised if he* says the Bulls come first."

IN BRIEF

Edwards on top of the world

CHARLOTTE EDWARDS, a teenager, has been included in the England women's cricket squad to defend the World *Cup in India in December.* Edwards, 17, joins Janette Brittin, the experienced opening batsman, in a line-up that *includes, as vice-captain, Sue* Metcalfe, who averaged 144 in the victorious series against South Africa.

All bar one of the squad that beat South Africa 3-2 during the summer have been included in the World Cup squad. Trimmed from 15 to 14 by tournament requirements, Lucy Pearson, the left-arm seam bowler, from East Anglia, is the unlucky one.

SQUAD: K Smithies (captain), J Cassar (East Midlands), S Metcalfe (vice-captain), K Leng, M Reynard, H Plimmer, C Taylor, B Nicholson (Yorkshire), B Daniels (W Midlands), J Brittin (Surrey), C Connor (Sussex), L MacLeod (Lancs and Cheshire), C Edwards (East Anglia), S Redfern (Derbyshire) Coach: M Lear Manager: S Taylor.

Bowls: Colin Haydon, who saw four of his Swindon Westlecot team-mates win the English Bowling Association's *fours title* at Worthing last month, eased through to the semi-finals of the Cornhill Direct Over-55 National Singles Championship at Bristol yesterday with a 21-20 victory over David Richardson, of Roebuck, Hertfordshire.

Colin Owen, of Tunbridge Wells, will play Sid Bensley, of North Walsham, in the semi-finals today, while Haydon faces Lew Whitehouse, from Droitwich Vines Park.

Cycling: *A second successive* crash close to the finish marred the fourth stage of the Tour of Spain yesterday. Hinojosa Anguita emerging from the debris at Jerez de la Frontera to claim the host nation's first stage victory. Fabrizio Guidi, of Italy, took over the yellow jersey.

Rugby union: *Saracens have* signed Gavin Johnson, a full back from South Africa. The goal kicker, who also plays on the wing, has won seven caps and brings the number of international players at the club to 14.

Tennis: Boris Becker, whose season has been wrecked by injury, has accepted a wild-card entry in order to defend his title at the Grand Slam Cup, the most lucrative tour*nament in the game, in Mu*nich later this month.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Can you restrict your losers to two on this combination?:
A 8 7 Q 9 6 5 4

The *Bridge Players Encyclopedia* lists thirty different combinations in which the defence have K J x x x, but doesn't mention this one. Of course, you should not attempt to learn safety plays by heart — each time one comes up, try to work out what to do from first principles. Phil King, playing for the British B team in the Schiphol tournament, got it right:

Dealer South **Love all** **IMPs**

North:
♠Q 8 4 3
♥Q 9 6 5 4
♦A J 2
♣5

West:
♠J 5 2
♥3
♦10 8 7 6 5 3
♣A 8 2

East:
♠10 7 6
♥K J 10 2
♦9 4
♣J 9 7 6

South:
♠A K 9
♥A 8 7
♦K Q
♣K Q 10 4 3

S	W	N	E
2 NT	Pass	3 D (1)	Pass
3 H	Pass	3 S	Pass
4 H	All Pass		

Contract: Four Hearts by South **Lead: ace of clubs**

(1) Transfer, showing at least five hearts.

After cashing the ace of clubs West switched to a diamond. Now the declarer (Phil King) had ten tricks providing *he didn't lose more* than two trump tricks. He won the diamond switch in hand to lead the seven of hearts. When West followed small he ran it to East's ten. That was the correct way to start the suit. If West had four hearts, ace and another heart on the second and third round of the suit would restrict his losers to two. It was important not to play the queen on the first round — if that lost to the singleton king in East's hand, West would *have* two more tricks with his initial holding of J 10 3 2.

East returned a diamond, which King won in dummy. He now played a low heart towards his hand. If East had shown out obviously he would have risen with the ace to play back towards the queen. But when East followed with the two, King played the eight from hand. If West won that, the last heart would fall under the ace. In this case, when West showed out, the eight held the trick, and East made only one more trick.

☐ For details of *The Times* Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, call the organisers on 0181-942 9506.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LIPPER
a. The edge of a glacier
b. A flirt
c. A ripple

MOLLAG
a. A bladder
b. To slack or skive
c. A breed of goose

MUCHULKA
a. A Malayan boat
b. A bond
c. A mountain guide

MARMENNILL
a. A *merman*
b. Artificial marble
c. A yeast relish

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Dynamic duo

Continuing my review of the best games from this year's Smith & Williamson British championship at Hove, today's samples of play show how difficult defence with Black has become at the highest level. Modern theory is so advanced that the slightest slip as Black can spell instant doom. For example, in the first game Black should have played 9 ... Ng4, while *in the second game Black has* to preface the queenside counter-attack ... b5 with 12 ... Nxd4.

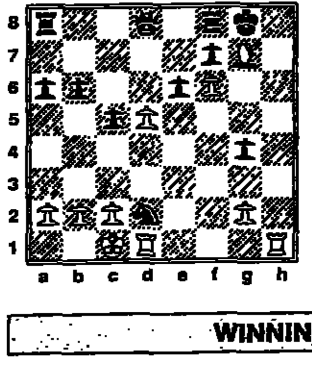
White: Matthew Sadler
Black: Jonathan Mestel
Smith & Williamson British championship, August 1997
Pirc Defence

1	d4	d6
2	e4	Nf6
3	Nc3	g6
4	f4	Bg7
5	Nf3	0-0
6	Be3	b6
7	Qd2	c5
8	d5	a6
9	e5	Nfd7
10	h4	dxe5
11	h5	e4
12	Ng5	gxh5
13	Ncxe4	Nf6
14	0-0-0	Bg4
15	Be2	Nbd7
16	Ng3	h6
17	N5e4	e6
18	Bxg4	hxg4
19	f5	Nxe4
20	Nxe4	Nf6
21	Bxh6	Nxe4
22	Bxg7	Nxd2
23	f6	Black resigns

White: Michael Adams
Black: Ruth Sheldon
Smith & Williamson British championship, August 1997
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nc6
5	Nc3	Qc7
6	Be3	a6
7	Qd2	Nf6
8	f3	Be7
9	g4	d6
10	0-0-0	0-0
11	g5	Nd7
12	h4	b5
13	g6	Nf6
14	gxh7+	Kxh7
15	Nxc6	Qxc6
16	Bd3	Kh8
17	Rdg1	b4
18	Bh6	Rg8
19	e5	g6
20	exf6	bxc3
21	Qg5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Chess for charity

On Thursday September 18 at the Chartered Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2, I shall be giving a charity chess display against a maximum of 50 opponents in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for the Cancer Research Campaign.

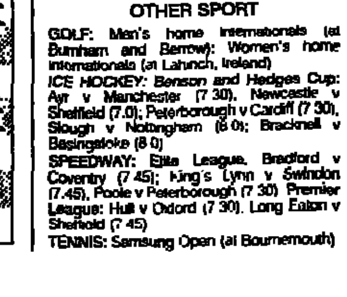
The event will be opened by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Roger Cork, at 4.30pm. To secure your table please call the organiser, Michael Savory, of Midland Stockbrokers, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA (tel: 0171-260 5051, fax 0171-260 0592). I will be donating a commemorative book to every contestant.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess *Monday to Friday in* Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Bates — Williams, Smith & Williamson British championship 1997. White has left his own king in the centre of the board in the *hope of generating a kingside* attack. How did Black now get in first?



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FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

World Cup
European qualifying group two
England v Moldova
(at Wembley, 8.0)

Group eight
Lithuania v Ireland
(in Vilnius, 7.0)

Group nine
Albania v Northern Ireland
(in Zurich, 4.0)

Nationwide League
Third division
Rotherham v Lincoln (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference
Slough v Welling (7.45)

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Quarter-finals
Celtic v Motherwell (7.45)
Stirling v Aberdeen (7.45)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Guiseley; Winsford v Marine.
DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Southern division: Fareham v Newport AFC.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Oxford Utd v Wimbledon (at Witney Town FC); Swindon v Charlton (7.15); Tottenham v Luton.
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Liverpool v Birmingham (7.0). Manchester Utd v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0); Tranmere v Aston Villa (7.0); Preston v Blackburn (7.0). *First division:* Bolton v Grimsby (at Leigh RMI, 7.0), Huddersfield v Coventry (7.0); Oldham v Manchester City (7.0); West Bromwich v Leicester (7.0). Second division: York v Burnley (7.0), Carlisle v Blackpool (7.0); Stockport v Shrewsbury (7.0), Wrexham *v Bradford (7.0) Third division:* Doncaster v Bury (7.0), Hull v Wigan (7.0), Scunthorpe v Chester (7.0), Walsall v Chesterfield (7.0)
LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Ebbw Vale; Carmarthen Town v Barry; Porthmadog v Conwy, Rhayader Town v Caersws; *Connah's Quay v Welshpool.*
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Coleraine v Cliftonville; Crusaders v Ards, Glenavon v Ballymena.
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Sheppey v Chatham
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Endsleigh v Swindon Supermarine
PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Forres Mechanics v Fraserburgh
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Brockenhurst v Bemerton Heath, Cowes Sports v Eastleigh; Downton v Andover.
FA CARLSBERG VASE: First qualifying round: Ramsbottom v Chadderton; St Helens v Ossett Town; Stapenhill v Gornal A; Ipswich v Lowestoft; Brandon v Penrith; Mile *Oak v Lancing*

CRICKET
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county championship
10.30, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Somerset
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Essex
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Sussex
LORD'S: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Kent

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of four: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire. First day of three: Chelmsford: *Essex* v Derbyshire. Bournemouth SC: Hampshire v Kent. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex. Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex. Kenilworth Wardens: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

OTHER SPORT
GOLF: Men's home internationals (at Burnham and Berrow); Women's home internationals (at Lahinch, Ireland)
ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Ayr v Manchester (7.30), Newcastle v Sheffield (7.0); Peterborough v Cardiff (7.30), Slough v Nottingham (8.0); Bracknell v Basingstoke (8.0)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League, Bradford v Coventry (7.45); King's Lynn v Swindon (7.45), Poole v Peterborough (7.30). Premier League: Hull v Oxford (7.30). Long Eaton v Sheffield (7.45)
TENNIS: Samsung Open (at Bournemouth)

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Oakland 27 Kansas City 28.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 1 Chicago Cubs 8; New York Mets 4 Philadelphia 13; Los Angeles 4 Florida 8.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 2 Baltimore 1; Detroit 6 Texas 2; Toronto 12 Anaheim 10; Chicago White Sox 5 Milwaukee 8; Kansas City 9 Seattle 2; Minnesota 7 Oakland 2.

BOWLS

CARDIFF: Ashbourne Homes Welsh national mixed pairs championship: Semi-finals: B Morgan and R Weale (Mid-Wales) bt K Lloyd and T Cannon (Mid-Glamorgan) 23-15; J Stride and G Carlisle (Vale of Glamorgan) bt V and T Sullivan (West Glamorgan) 24-7. Final: Morgan and Weale bt Stride and Carlisle 24-16.
LAMPETER: Welsh Women's Bowling Association national championships: Semi-finals: Singles: A Lewis (Saundersfoot) bt M Jones (Hoover) 21-18; B Morgan (Llandrindod Wells) bt B J Thomas (Croesyceiliog) 21-9. Two-wood singles: L Evans (Port Talbot) bt B Chapman (Beechwood) 14-12; B Morgan (Llandrindod Wells) bt D Rowlands (Llandrindod Wells) 16-5. Under-25 singles: P Summerfield (Llandrindod Wells) bt J Jones (Llandrindod Wells) 21-4; *W Price* (Llandrindod Wells) bt C A Dawes (Vivian Park) 21-20. Pairs: Z Silverthorne and J Hine (Croesyceiliog) bt B and R Morgan (Port Talbot) 23-14, M Davies and D Rowlands (Llandrindod Wells) bt L Gilchrist and V *Howell (Guest Memorial)* 25-14. *Triples:* Port Talbot bt Knighton 18-15; Mount Pleasant bt Aberaeron 19-10. Fours: Llantrisant bt Porth 28-17; Port Talbot bt Penarth Belle Vue 25-19. Two-fours: Llandrindod Wells bt Bridgend Municipal 40-33, Sophia Gardens bt Mount *Pleasant* 46-36.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (one day): Nairobi: Kenya 206-8 (A Vadher 75); New Zealand 210-3 (B A Pocock 83 not out). New Zealand won by seven wickets.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Bristol: Worcestershire 423-6 (V S Solanki 138, M J Rawnsley 133, J E K Schofield 50 not out) v Gloucestershire.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Third stage (Loulé to Huelva, 173.3km): 1, M Wust (Ger, Lotus) 4hr 28min 07sec; 2, F Guidi (It, Scrigno-Gaerne); 3, S Teutenberg (Ger, US Postal Service); 4, M Zanotti (It, Aki-Safi); 5, L van Bon (Holl, Rabobank) all same time; 126, C Boardman (GB, GAN) at 37. Fourth stage (Huelva to Jerez de la Frontera, 192.5km): 1, E Anguita (Sp, Estepona-Toscaf) 4hr 17min 38sec; 2, C Camin (It, Brescialat); 3, J Svorada (Cz, Mapei-GB); 4, Zanotti; 5, M Rossato (It, Scrigno-Gaerne) all same time. Leading overall positions: 1, Guidi 18hr 29min 12sec; 2, L Michaelsen (Den, TVM) same time; 3, Anguita at 5sec

FOOTBALL

European under-21 championship
Qualifying group eight

LITHUANIA (0) 2 IRELAND (0) 1
Fomenko 69 Buitkus 72 Gain 65
600
(in Vilnius)

OTHER MATCHES: Group three: Hungary 2 France 4 (in Szekesfehervar). Group four: Belarus 1 Austria 1 (in Minsk). Group five: Bulgaria 1 Russia 2 (in Sofia). Group six: Slovakia 0 Yugoslavia 1 (in Trnava).
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 0 Southampton 2; Crystal Palace 4 Brighton 0; Millwall 0 Portsmouth 0.

Monday's late results

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Wigan Athletic 3 Wrexham 2. Third division: Colchester United 3 Brighton and Hove Albion 1
DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Nuneaton 3 Bath 3; Worcester City 2 Salisbury 0. Midland division: Solihull Boro 1 Redditch Utd 2; Stafford Rangers 2 Raunds Town 1; Bilston Town 1 Grantham Town 2. Southern division: Witney Town 0 Fisher Athletic London 4.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde *Utd* 4 Gainsborough 1.
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Stoke City 0 Leeds United 4. First division: Sunderland 4 Notts County 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Middlesbrough 1.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 1 Ipswich Town 1.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 4 Darwen 1.
FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Erith and Belvedere 5 Slade Green 3; West Midlands Police 0 Rocester 3; Hartlepool 3 Guisborough 2.
FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Yeovil Town 1 Chippenham Town 2.
DUTCH LEAGUE: MVV Maastricht 0 NAC Breda 1.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Valencia 0 Barcelona 3.
EGYPT: Under-17 World Cup: Group B: Mexico 5 New Zealand 0
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Group three: Finland 1 Switzerland 0. Group four: Iceland 3 Ukraine 2.

HOCKEY

SEOUL: Women's junior World Cup: Pool A: Spain 2 Canada 1. Pool B: South Korea 1 Argentina 1; Holland 3 South Africa 2; Ukraine 11 United States 0.

RUGBY UNION

European Conference
Pool D
Connacht 43 Northampton 13
Connacht: Tries: Carolan, Duignan, McEntee, Ruane. Cons: Elwood 3, Allnutt. Pens: Elwood 4. *Murphy.* Northampton: Try: *Seal. Con:* Hepher. Pens: Hepher 2
(at Sports Ground, Galway)

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool B: Ulster 12 Glasgow 18

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES PREMIERSHIP: Preliminary round: Leeds Rhinos 42 Oldham Bears 16.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 35 Bradford 55, Coventry 50 Poole 40
PREMIER LEAGUE: Isle of Wight 52 Oxford 38, *Reading* 62 Glasgow 28.
AMATEUR LEAGUE: Western Warriors 41 Ryde 37; M4 Raven Sprockets 36 Buxton 40

TENNIS

BOURNEMOUTH: Men's tournament: First round: M Ondruska (SA) bt F DeWulf (Bel) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; *C Moya (Sp) bt O Motevassel* (Isr) 6-4, 6-0; F Mantilla (Sp) bt L Roux (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt O Stanoytchev (Bul) 7-5, 7-5; C van Garsse (Bel) bt F Squillari (Arg) 6-2, 7-6; D Sapsford (GB) bt M Petchey (GB) 6-4, 6-2; J van Herck (Bel) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-3, 6-2; D Scala (It) bt C *Ruud* (Nor) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; C Wilkinson (GB) bt A Hunt (NZ) 6-2, 6-2; L Arnold (Arg) bt M-K Göllner (Ger) 7-6, 6-2; R Fromberg (Aus) bt T Ketola (Fin) 7-5, 6-2; J Diaz (Sp) bt C Pioline (Fr) 7-5, 6-3
MARBELLA: Men's tournament: First round: J Alonso (Sp) bt J Chauvin (Fr) 6-3, 6-0, A Clement (Fr) bt S Gomez-Barrio (Sp) 6-4, 6-2; B Karbacher (Ger) bt R Fernandez (Sp) 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.
TASHKENT: Men's tournament: First round: A Stolyrov (Russ) bt N Kiefer (Ger) 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; V Santopadre (It) bt A Merinov (Russ) 6-4, 6-3; E Erlich (Isr) bt A Machkamov (Uzb) 7-5, 7-5, V Spadea (US) bt S Campbell (US) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3

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Bank on NatWest to disappoint

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Midweek View

The race is not always to the swift — but that is the right way to bet. An old gambler's saying, and it is always a pleasure to bet on a genuine sporting certainty. A good example is the NatWest Trophy final. As every wise sporting person knows, the best way to enjoy one-day cricket is to confine your watching to the last 20 overs of the second innings. The bit that comes before merely establishes the terms on which the battle proper is fought.

Only once the last 20 overs begin do we see the struggle and the drama. The preliminaries are intriguing, in a pawn-to-King4 sort of way. But one-day cricket is not a sustained drama, like a Test match: it is ordinary and prosaic stuff — but with a very loud and flashy dénouement.

One-day cricket lacks the soliloquies, the ghost, the mad scene and any of the myriad themes such as sonhood, atonement, politicking, paternity. But you always get the duel and the blood-letting. People complain, after the retirement of a Botham or a Cantona, that the sport in question has become *Hamlet* without the prince, but one-day cricket is always *Hamlet* without the plot.

But a lovely bloody conclusion. With this thought in mind, the cricket season always celebrates the beginning of the end with the NatWest final. Well, it was no good watching the last 20 overs on Sunday. There were no last 20 overs.

What was worth watching, then? Er, well, the toss, I suppose. This is cricket's end-of-term shindig, its Last Night of the Proms — and it lacked *Jerusalem, Rule Britannia* and *Land of Hope and Glory*. It always does. This final has become one of the most terrible damp squibs in sport. The match is won and lost on the toss: if you bat first, you lose.

Yes, I know about that strange and spooky aberration of last year, when Essex, after restricting Lancashire to the modest total of 186, managed to get themselves out for 57. They didn't play the last 20 overs that time, either. This was but the exception, however. Last Sunday we resumed the normal pattern of a totally uncompetitive match that, in professional sport, should be a contradiction in terms.

For years, I always made a small but pleasing profit when covering the Super Bowl. This is the American football final between the winners of the National Football Conference (NFC) and the winners of the American Football Conference (AFC). I always won. This is because I always backed the team from the NFC. You always find some romantic who believes that this year the underdog will prevail. Cheer for the underdog, by all means — but if you look to make a profit it is the overdog that you should bet on. The victory of the NFC side has become so utterly predictable that it has undermined the hold that the sport had established on the people of the United States.

Its end-of-term firework display has become yet another inevitable damp squib, for there is nothing quite as wet as an uncompetitive competition. And this is tough on the sport, because it has always bent over backwards to maintain the parity of competition.

Every year, the team that finishes last is given first pick of the emerging college players; and the first, the Super Bowl winners themselves, the last. The teams that win do, indeed, change: a brief period of hegemony is followed by decline. But the pre-eminence of the NFC remains in place — and every year, the perfect predictability of this utterly destroys the showpiece. Basketball — whose end-of-term spectaculars are generally memorable stuff — has taken over as America's No 1 sport.

At the Olympic Games, the total dominance of the Dream Team, the United States basketball side, swaggering from blowout to blowout, from predictable victory to predictable victory, became the most colossal bore imaginable. Even America, a place not easily disturbed by such things as crass and vulgar global dominance, felt a trifle embarrassed. Sure, the results said that America was truly great — but the matches themselves were dire. You did not need to watch to know the result: and so the sport itself lost all point.

Sport needs unpredictability: needs parity of competition. Football is the boom sport in this country right now. The floating voters, on whom the boom depends, will start to walk away if the plot gets too predictable. The Scottish league has long been a joke — some years it is so close that you hardly know *who* is going to come third. But the joke might start to wear a little thin if Premiership football goes the same way.

TENNIS: MOYA WARNS US OPEN FINALIST TO BEWARE CLAY-COURT EXPERT AT BOURNEMOUTH

Britons set stage for Rusedski

By Alix Ramsay

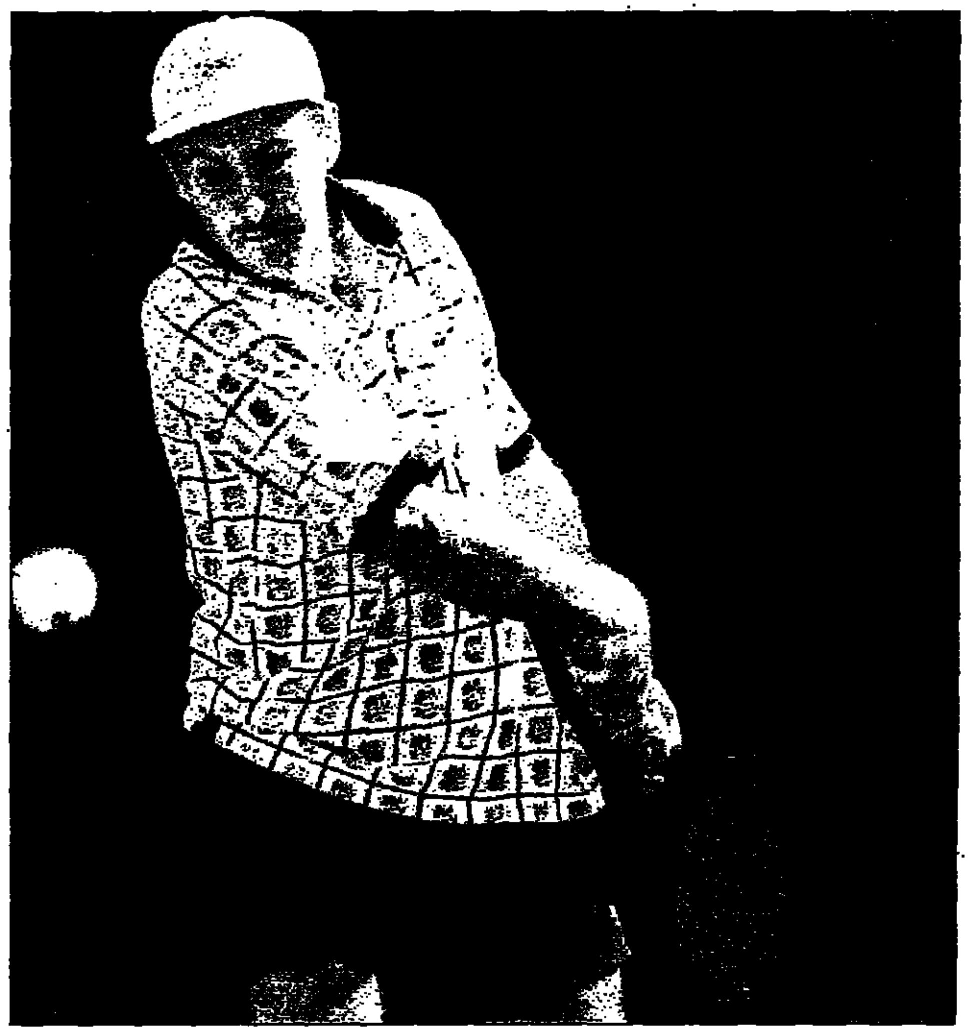
THERE must be something in the air at the Samsung Open in Bournemouth. Three out of four Britons reached the second round yesterday for the loss of just one set between them. There had to be one loser among the home-grown team of five as Mark Petchey and Danny Sapsford faced each other.

The only man yet to play under the British flag is Greg Rusedski, who arrived in Bournemouth yesterday evening and will play his first match today against Alberto Martin. However, before he had even reached the practice courts, he was given a few words of warning from the top seed, Carlos Moyà.

After skipping through his opening match against Oren Monevassel, from Israel, 6-4, 6-0, Moyà cast his mind back to the Australian Open and the effects of losing his first grand-slam final. "Greg's a good player, but it's going to be difficult for him," Moyà said. "His mind is not going to be here. It happened to me when I came back from Australia. I wasn't concentrated, it's not easy. I know Martin, he doesn't get tight or nervous and he's used to clay. My money is on him."

At least the omens are looking good, with two British wins to add to Miles Maclagan's victory on Monday. Sapsford and Petchey have known each other since their days together in the juniors and now, as best friends on the tour, their matches are hardly battles to the death. It was Petchey who drew the short straw and lost 6-4, 6-2. Then again, he expected little else after spending the past four weeks recovering from a stomach injury. "It is still only 95 per cent right, but I have to start coming back somewhere," he said. "I can't afford to spend another month doing nothing."

Sapsford will next play Jacobo Diaz, one of the flock of Spanish clay-court experts making their mark on the world rankings. Still trying to move up from No 139 in the world, Diaz made huge strides yesterday by putting out the No 4 seed, Cedric Pioline, 7-5, 6-3 in the first round. It was a desperate performance from the Wimbledon finalist as, with little sign of any interest in the outcome, he let a 5-2 lead slip in the first set and appeared to throw in the towel.



Sapsford drives a backhand during his defeat of Petchey at Bournemouth yesterday

Diaz's countryman, Felix Mantilla, also made his way into the second round with a simple 6-3, 6-3 victory over Lionel Roux, from France. He now faces Chris Wilkinson, who polished off Alistair Hunt, a qualifier from New Zealand, 6-2, 6-2. In 1995, Wilkinson was one of the first to complain at the adoption by Great Britain of Rusedski. Yesterday, he was joining in the chorus of approval for what the inordinately good-humoured one has achieved.

"It was a great effort from Greg at the US Open," he said. "It is great for British tennis and great for British kids to have someone to look up to with him and Tim." Now all Rusedski has to do is prove Moyà wrong.

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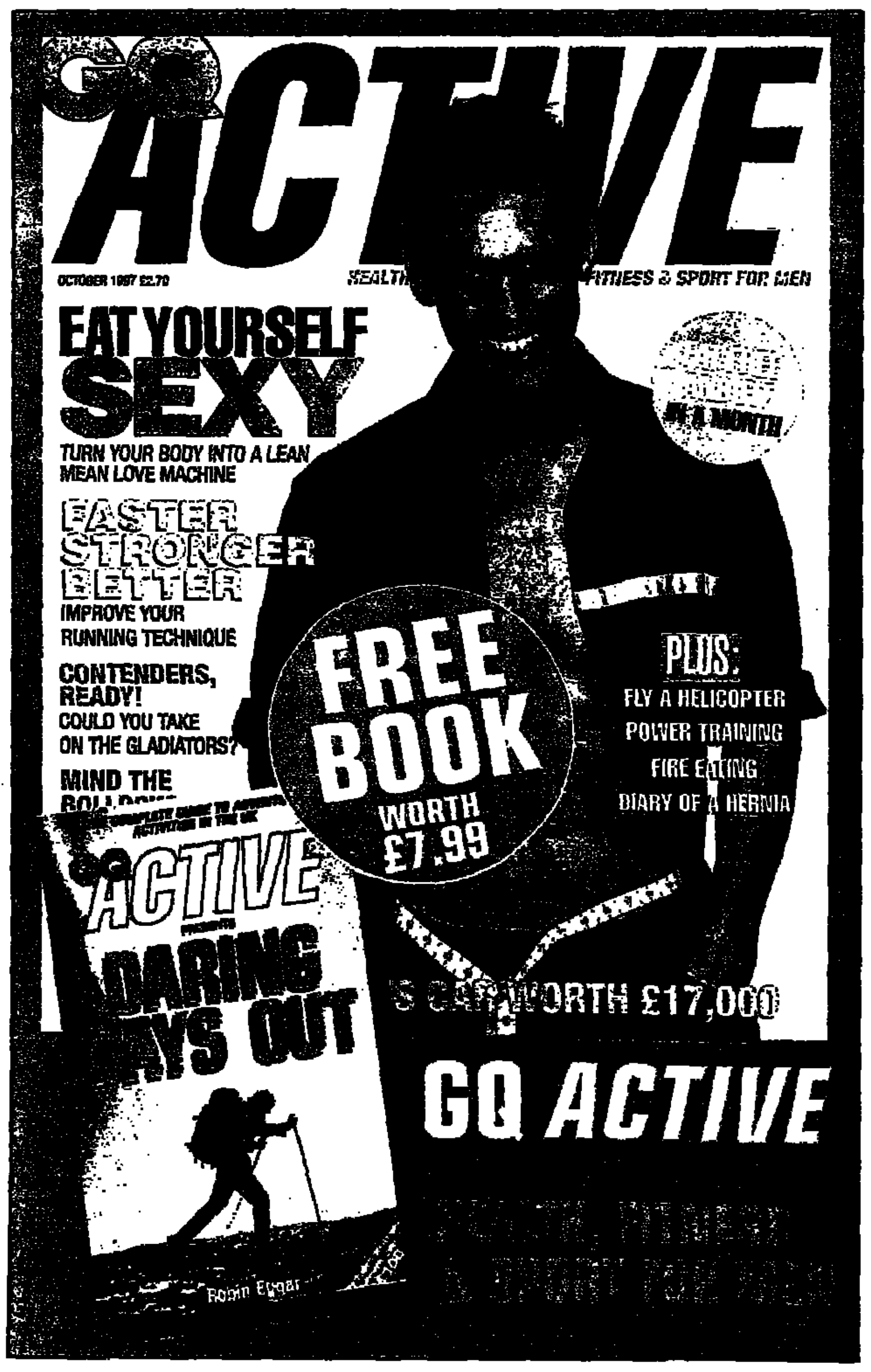

RUGBY UNION

Connacht take control in European coup

Connacht	43
Northampton	13

By Karl Johnston

THIS was Connacht's finest hour at the Galway Sports Ground yesterday, the European Conference annihilation of a club bristling with some of the biggest names of rugby, most of them left on the sidelines until the situation became critical.

Leading 20-3 at half-time, Connacht underlined their superiority with tries by Ruane and Carolan to add to scores from Duignan and McEntee.

SCORERS: Connacht: Tries: Duignan (9min), McEntee (24), Carolan (42), Ruane (66). Conversions: Elwood 3, Allnutt. Penalty goals: Elwood 4 (4, 28, 56, 23), Murphy (74). Northampton: Try: Beal (79). Conversion: Hepher. Penalty goals: Hepher 2 (34, 46).

SCORING SEQUENCE (Connacht first): 3-0, 10-0, 17-0, 20-0, 20-3 (half-time), 20-6, 23-6, 26-6, 33-6, 36-6, 36-13, 43-13.

CONNACHT: W Ruane, N Berry (rep: R Southam, 72min), P Duignan, M Murphy, N Carolan; E Elwood (rep: S Allnutt, 73), C McGuinness; J Maher (rep: R Ward, 75), B Mulcahy, M Finlay (rep: M Cahill, 78), M McConnell, G Heaslip, R Rogers, S McEntee, B Gavin (rep: M Reilly, 78).

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter (rep: N Beal, 56), C Moir (rep: G Townsend, 56), A Blyth, M Allen, H Thorneycroft; A Hepher, D Malone; M Hynes (rep: C Allen, 73), C Johnston (rep: A Clarke, 73), M Stewart, J Chandler, M Bayfield (rep: S Foale, 46), D Mackinnon (rep: Foale, 27-32), A Pountney, S Talupu.

Referee: G Borreani (France).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *45*

LIPPER
(c) A rippling, slight ruffling of the surface of the sea. Probably from the verb *to lipper*, of water, to ripple.

MOLLAG
(a) A dog's skin blown up as a bladder, and used to float the herring-nets. *As empty as a mollag*, quite empty. *As full as a mollag*, quite drunk. Manx dialect.

MUCHULKA
(b) A written bond. From the Hindi word.

MARMENNILL
(a) A merman. Icelandic diminutive of *mar-r* the sea + *mann* a man.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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TELEVISION CHOICE

It's the lion king and queen

Animal People: The Story of Little Lion
BBC1, 7.00pm

Ever on the alert for a new spin on the wildlife series, the BBC Natural History Unit has come up with stories of people who are not just involved with animals but share their lives with them. We start in South Africa, where Gillian Van Houten and her partner John Varty adopt an abandoned lion cub. Varty is a wildlife cameraman used to living in the bush but for Van Houten, who grew up in the city, it is a new experience. The cub is a cute little thing at first and even shares the couple's bed. But lions do not stay small for ever. As she approaches adulthood the cub has developed from a cuddly pet into a powerful and potentially dangerous animal. After three years Van Houten and Varty return her to a pride, aware that if she is rejected she could be in danger herself.

Conjuring Shakespeare
BBC2, 7.30pm

The latest project from the Open University to be offered to a general audience is this series about making Shakespeare relevant to modern audiences. Those who recoil at the thought of being lectured at need have no fears. Although academically rigorous, the programmes should appeal to any theatregoer interested in the challenges of staging plays written 400 years ago. We start by looking at how directors have tried to convey the magic of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to a generation weaned on the special effects of the cinema. Peter Brook's mould-breaking 1970 production, which had the actors on stilts and trapezes, inevitably looms large. Other versions featured include that of the English Shakespeare Company, with its fairy bower made of sticky tape.

One Foot in the Past
BBC2, 8.30pm

Not many people can have seen a facial resemblance between J. Arthur Rank, the cinema magnate, and Bruce Forsyth, but Bob Monkhouse does and it offers him a moment of levity during a nostalgic return to Rank's Pinewood Studios. Return is the right word, for in the 1950s Monkhouse was a bit of a film star, in the first *Carry On*, no less. But he concedes that he was no Alec Guinness and wisely focuses on Pinewood as a place rather than his contribution to it. Also in the last programme of another enjoyable series, Lucinda Lambton whoops and sweeps her way through Chastleton, the Jacobean manor in the Cotswolds acquired by the National Trust and now open to the public. This leaves the presenter, Kirsty Wark, to ask what we should do with our mausoleums, once splendid buildings which have too often been left to crumble away.

Gillian with Shingalana (BBC1, 7.00pm)

The Nazis: A Warning From History
BBC2, 9.00pm

The Nazi regime continues to exercise a ghastly fascination. Stalin's Soviet Union and the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia run it close in the league of 20th-century atrocities, but Germany was supposed to be a land of culture. In charting Hitler's rise to power, this first programme asks how Germans got themselves saddled with a regime of such brutality. It argues that far from fulfilling a divine destiny (the Nazi version), Hitler was swept into office by the economic depression and the miscalculations of bankers and businessmen who thought they could use him to galvanise the nation. The thesis is unoriginal but it is propounded with clarity and force. The most chilling contributions come from unrepentant former Nazis. Testifying to Hitler's magnetism is one thing. Insisting on a world Jewish conspiracy is quite another.
Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Trade Update
Radio 1, 8.30pm

Parents who wonder where their offspring get all this scepticism from may like to tune in to this, the latest in a series of programmes generically named *Update*, which aim to act as a 10-minute primer on all kinds of issues. It does the job very well, too, and *Trade Update* aims to pack in a lot of information, from listener grumbles to buying tips to looking after personal finance. Obviously the programme aims to be "different" compared with other consumer shows, but it necessarily covers some of the same ground, albeit in an invigorating way. There is a refreshing absence of experts showing off and little danger of boredom setting in while one wonders what point an item is trying to make, a danger with certain other consumer shows.

Eastern Mix
Radio 4, 12.25pm

This new series deserves to get a prized lunchtime slot, something that is unusual for shows with an ethnic minority background. The series is described as a comedy-drama and the main preoccupation of its writer, Philip Afshar, is to weave together the business and family tensions of its main characters. The starting point is a business venture launched by Khalid Miah and his neighbour Florence, a business launched with Khalid's redundancy money from a shipping firm. But there are tensions on the home front, with Khalid's wife Samantha disaffected with her role as wife, mother and secretary at the local school and anxious to better herself by taking an Open University degree.
Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

6.00am Kevin Greening **9.30** Simon Mayo **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Dave Pearce **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Trade Update. See Choice **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Charlie Jordan **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00 Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Johnnie Walker **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Jim Lloyd **9.00** String Saga **9.30** Talking Comedy **10.00** Steve Wright Picture Show **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide with Julian Worricker **7.00** News Extra **7.30** World Cup Football Night. Live coverage from Wembley of England's penultimate World Cup qualifier against Moldova **10.00** Littlejohn. A chance to comment on tonight's football action by telephoning 0500-909693 **11.00** News Extra with Annie Webster **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffin **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sport **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Meridian Live **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Opera of the Week **10.05** Business **10.15** The Farming World **10.30** Science File **10.45** Sport **11.30** One Planet **12.30pm** Sport **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Soundbyte **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.05** Sport **4.15** Performance **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** The Works **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** On Screen **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** F.O.O.C. **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Omnibus **3.30** Meridian Books **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

3.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Lunchtime Requests **2.00** Classic Concerto. Tartini (Cello Concerto in D major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Vivaldi (Oboe Sonata in C major) **8.00** Classic Concert. Elgar (Variations on an Original Theme, Enigma); Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 1 in G minor, Op 25); Stanford (Stabat Mater, Op 96) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Classic Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Robin Banks **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Nick Abbot (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Dvořák (Czech Suite); Purcell (Dioclesian Airs); Grieg (How Fair Thou Art; God's Son Hath Set Me Free); Suppe (Overture: Pique Dame); Scarlatti (Sonatas in D); Mozart (Litaniae Lauretanae)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Purcell (Chacony in G minor); Kodaly (Dances of Marosszek); Handel (Chandos Anthem No 1: O Be Joyful in the Lord); Debussy (Jeux)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza. Includes Scriabin (Prelude in G flat, Op 16 No 3); Bach, arr Maxwell Davies (Preludes and Fugues: in C sharp, BWV848; in C sharp minor, BWV849); Sarasate (Caprice Basque); Strauss (Lied der Freundschaft); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in F, Op 24, Spring); Strauss (Hymne, op 34 No 2); Debussy (Pour le Piano); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D)
12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Verdi. Humphrey Burton talks to the theatre and opera director Sir Richard Eyre about the psychology of Verdi's middle-period opera *La Traviata*, and introduces excerpts from the recording of Eyre's own production starring Angela Gheorghiu
1.00pm News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. Hamish Milne, piano. Liszt (Annees de Pelerinage, Book 2, Italy) (r)
2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear Saturday's concert. Judith Howarth, soprano, Neal Davies, baritone; BBC National Orchestra of Wales under David Atherton. Fauré (Requiem); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1 in D minor) (r)
4.00 Choral Vespers. Sung by members of the Eton Choral Course at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Director of music Ralph Allwood, organist Stephen Disley
5.00 The Music Machine. From the Lake District. Pianist Martin Roscoe joins a trio of musicians from the Queen Katherine School in Kendal to learn some secrets of playing chamber music (r)
5.15 In Tune, with Nathalie Wheen. Includes Cole Porter (Miss Otis Regrets); Michael Torke (Bright Blue Music); Lefébure-Wély (Sortie in E flat)
7.30 BBC Proms 97. BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Claus Peter Flor. Mendelssohn (Symphony No 5 in D, Reformation); **7.30** Brahms. Yesterday, Today and Forever. Roderick Swanson looks at Brahms's *Deutches Requiem* **7.55** Concert part two. Brahms (Ein Deutches Requiem)
9.20 Lost in London. Andrew Green recreates the life of The Oxford, commonly regarded as one of the most magnificent music halls in London (3/5)
9.40 A Ditty in Praise of the City. Felicity Palmer, soprano, Roger Vignoles, piano. Walton (A Song for the Lord Mayor's Table)
10.00 BBC Proms 97. The final late night Prom of the 1997 season features Thomas Trotter, organ, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Wind Ensemble under Simon Rattle. Mozart (Fantasia in F minor, K608; Serenade in B flat, K361, Gran Partita)
11.30 Proms Composer of the Week: Schubert (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather presents the guitarist John Etheridge's new group, Blue Spirit, in session
1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes Schoenberg (Prelude, Op 44); Stravinsky (Jeux de Cartes); Schnittke (Cantata Faust); Boccherini (Piano Quintet in F minor); Strauss (Arabian Dance); Brahms (Piano Quartet in G minor);

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today. Includes Sports News and Thought for the Day **8.45** Personal History, by Katharine Graham (8/10) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guests
10.00 News; (FM) Irene Worth. The actress talks to John Miller about her 50 years in the theatre (3/3)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Presented by Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Eric Robson, Nigel Colborn, Pippa Greenwood and Anne Swithinbank (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Eastern Mix. See Choice. With Harmage Singh Kalirai, Kathryn Apanowicz and Annette Kerr (1/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Alex Brodie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thackeray. The final part of the drama by Barbara Clegg and Olwen Wymark. Starring Michael Cochrane and John Hartley
2.45 News; Letters from Here and There. The first of a series in which six authors recall trips abroad. Nicholas Shakespeare shares his recollections of Lesotho (1/6)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Dare Brehan
4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini sees Harrison Ford's latest film in which he stars as the President of the United States fighting terrorism face to face in *Air Force One*
4.45 Short Story: Covered Bridge and Autumn Splendour. Written and read by Christopher Hope
5.00 PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe **5.55** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz. Scotland and the Midlands do battle in the cryptic quiz chaired by Nick Clarke (r)
7.00 News; The Archers
7.20 A Deal with Disease. Presented by Geoff Watts. As resistance to antibiotics and new infections increase, will it ever be possible to eradicate disease? (r)
8.05 Reading Aloud: Work. William Hope reads an extract from *Microserfs*, by Douglas Coupland, about trying to make sense of the world of computers (6/6)
8.35 On the Level. A documentary exploring the delights of the Somerset Levels throught the recollections of the people who live there
9.00 Costing the Earth. Jeremy Cherfas investigates the utilities industry (8/8)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: To the Lighthouse, by Virginia Woolf. Read by Eileen Atkins (8/10) (r)
11.00 On Baby Street. Written by Julie Balloo and Jenny Eclair. A five-part comedy drama about three new mothers living in the same street (2/5)
11.30 The Cheese Shop Present. Sketches, songs and jokes with Gerard Foster, Dave Lamb, Gordon Southern, Tim Verrinder, Ben Ward and Richard Webb
12.00 News includes **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: The Debt to Pleasure, by John Lanchester. Read by Tim Pigott-Smith (3/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)
1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

One man's bashful view of women's world

There is, I suppose, a certain logic to having **Looking Good** (BBC2) on in the evening *rather* than in the daytime slot which nature clearly intended. After all, many women are at work during the day. Why should they be deprived of the goodies that get us stop-at-homes through the day?

I, for instance, would never get *past morning* coffee without at least ten minutes of Richard Madeley *pretending* to ignore the models that liven up the fashion items on **This Morning** (ITV). With the first week of its new season entirely taken up — *most* movingly — by the nation's grief, things are only slowly getting back *to their* superficial best. Still, stilettos ("kiss-me shoes" as Nina Myskow *tactfully* described them) were a start on Monday.

According to the *resident* fashion expert, vertiginously high heels would be worn with the new (as in "we haven't seen them for at least two years") *micro-mini*. Madeley raised a bored eyebrow. Then the first model came on wearing some very high heels and a very short skirt. Suddenly, Madeley began to gabble a story about a hole in their kitchen floor left many years ago *by one of Judy's stilettos*. Judy Finnegan, his co-host and wife, smiled indulgently — she has been known to hit him during underwear items but she does like it when he makes an effort.

On Monday he made big efforts. *Presumably* unaware *of just how* short the skirts were going to be, *the set designer had constructed a* raised catwalk with Richard, Judy *et al* seated below. Well, you can probably work out the angles as well as Madeley could. He spent the next five minutes staring single-mindedly at ankle-strap level. "High heels give you a very sexy walk," trilled the expert, "as well as *pushing your bottom out.* "Mmmm," agreed Madeley, through clenched teeth. *How he* suffers for his art.

As, indeed, do I. I admit it was the word "lingerie" that led me to the second instalment of *Looking Good*, but I was sure that, this being BBC2 and apparently a *single-sex programme*, any underwear on display would be in tissue-lined drawers or sensible multi-packs. Damn, it was.

Lowri Turner was in Paris, apparently with the sole *intent of* trotting out the tired old chestnut of French women *spending more money on fashion* and beauty than their British counterparts. Then — with a dizzying lack of imagination — she and her unseen team set out to prove it. And do you know, by taking practical Louise, who spends £130 a month on looking good, and seriously chic Ghislaine, *who spent £250 a month and felt* "necked" without her expensive

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

perfume, it turned out to be true. *Funny, that.*

If *Looking Good* is daytime television masquerading as prime-time television, then **The Feel Good Factor** (Channel 4) is children's television pretending it's for grown-ups. That doesn't make it bad or stop it being fun, but it does make it simplistic and naive.

Last night, Mark Little, looking and sounding more like an Antipo*dean John Noakes than ever,* rushed around the villages of Ashill in Norfolk and South Zeal in Devon trying to do something about health. The only problem was, they seemed to be quite healthy already. The children from both villages (who we know by now will be roped in early on) had *much* better teeth than the national average; South Zeal was chock-full of alternative healers, and Ashill had a well-organised system of volunteer drivers for those who needed to get to the nearest hospital, 20 miles away.

South Zeal romped away with the entirely meaningless competi*tion to see which was the healthier* village, largely because the energetic, dancing pensioners of Ashill were still putting double cream in their quiches. "Well, you've got to have some treats," said one, unrepentantly. Given that the *programme's other sensational* discovery was that there was no *condom machine* in the ladies loo of the local pub, I think she's probably right.

With *Noah's Ark* getting under way on Monday night, *All Creatures Great and Small* attempting to bring a little cheer to last Saturday and **Vets in Practice** (BBC1) on twice a week, the veterinary profession is having a good run. So too is Trude, the blonde Norwegian (both adjectives are vital) on whom *Vets in Practice* seems increasingly dependent.

Her *competence* is *no longer in* question, so she's moved on to *humour* — helped, it must be said, by the arrival of a rabbit called Useless . . . to be castrated. "He's going to be even more useless after that," she observed accurately. After he came round from the operation, Useless ran around *with a flower-pot on his head*, which I thought was a much better *joke and certainly a surreal challenge* too far for Trude's scriptwriter.

Finally, we're now two hours in to **Holding On** (BBC2), far enough for some of the smug, aren't-we-clever stuff from part one to have *thankfully worn off but* possibly not quite far enough to attempt the low-key ending last night.

As my colleague Joe Joseph pointed out yesterday, its creator, Tony Marchant, has happily acknowledged debts to Dickens, Wolfe and Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*. But there are others, too: *echoes of Trainspotting, This Life*, even *EastEnders*. That's fine, as long as it eventually adds up to more than the sum of other people's parts.

But wait, I haven't yet told you how it ended. A man in suit and tie laid flowers on the spot where a pretty girl he apparently never *knew had died. No, didn't remind me* of anything, either.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (65949)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98141855)
9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2089652)
9.30 Style Challenge (T) (1827652)
9.55 Kilroy (T) (5876213)
10.35 Change That (1966039)
11.00 News (T) regional news and weather (4238107)
11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9278126)
11.35 Room for Improvement (2849126)
12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (6871229)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (9079720)
12.35 Going for a Song (9982381)
1.00 One O'Clock News (T) and weather (97774)
1.30 Regional News and weather (T) (17886107)
1.40 The Weather Show (87734720)
1.45 Neighbours Jo refuses to accept Toadie's apology (T) (77512300)
2.10 ***Quincy*** *(r) (9249949)*
3.00 Through the Keyhole (7240768)
3.25 Playdays (r) (7325403) **3.50** ChuckleVision (r) (8648519) **4.10** Get *Your Own Back (T) (4132045)* ***4.35*** *Prince* of Atlantis (T) (6053584) **5.00** Newsround (T) (9458720) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (5427316)
5.35 Neighbours Billy gets drawn into a family argument (T) (134403)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (855)
6.30 Regional News (T) (107)
7.00 Animal People New series exploring the bond between people and animals (T) (1294)
7.30 Tomorrow's World A new "morning-after" pill for HIV; a new aircraft collision *early warning device (T) (519)*
8.00 Children's Hospital A spina bifida sufferer is *brought* into casualty complaining of stomach pains; a baby needs radical facial surgery; the progress of premature baby girl Toni (3382)
8.30 The National Lottery Live With the cast of *Coronation Street* and music by Roachford (T) (526861)
8.45 ***Points of View*** *(T) (443584)*
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) regional news *and weather* (2381)
9.29 National Lottery Update (988768)
9.30 The X Files *Mulder and Jeremiah* uncover fresh evidence regarding his sister at a remote farm, while managing to stay one step ahead of the Bounty Hunter — but for how long? Sci-fi drama, starring David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson (T) (295768)
10.15 **Panorama** ***Devolution Special*** (T) (138478)
11.15 **Lethal Charm** (1991) starring Barbara Eden, Heather Locklear and Julia Fulton. A made-for-television drama about the uneasy relationship between a journalist and her new colleague. Directed by *Richard* Michaels (135923)
12.50am Just The Way You Are (1984). A comedy starring Kristy McNichol and Michael Ontkean, directed by Edouard Molinaro (524411)
2.20 Weather (1930140)

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BBC2

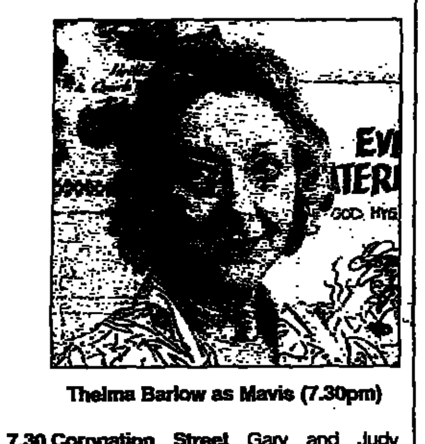
6.00am Open University: The Liberation of **Algebra** (4866855) **6.25** The Management of Project Omnia (4941590) **6.50** World's Best Athlete? (5749590) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (T) *(4716010)* ***7.30*** *Smurfs' Adventures* (6987687) *7.55* The Really Wild Show. Cornwall (5819565) **8.20** Penny Crayon (3093251) **8.25** Tales of Aesop (7649519) **8.35** Teletubbies (1491855) **9.00** Harry *and the Hendersons (2088923)* ***9.25*** Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (3357045) ***9.45*** Rocky Star (8089942) **9.50** Tom and Jerry (8077107) **10.00** Teletubbies (83039)
10.30 Working Lunch (44519)
11.00 TUC Conference (4236749)
1.00pm Working Lunch Update (83246861)
1.10 The Craft Hour (8135836)
2.10 News (T) and weather (32278478)
2.15 TUC Conference (328749)
3.55 News (T) (6324584)
4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (720) **4.30** Going, Going, Gone (6052855) **4.55** Esther (2948346) **5.30** Today's the Day (584)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation The crew attempt diplomatic relations with a *hostile nation (r) (T) (899010)*
6.45 Sliders (r) (T) (824382)
7.30 Conjuring Shakespeare New series. Bringing Shakespeare to a contemporary audience (T) (861)
8.00 University Challenge (T) (8584)
8.30 One Foot in the Past Bob Monkhouse visits Pinewood Studios to relive the heyday of British film glamour (T) (9949)

A young Nazi supporter (9.00pm)

9.00 The Nazis: A Warning from History *Documentary series* about how a cultured nation at the heart of Europe allowed Hitler to come to power (T) (912497)
9.50 Behind the Lines (2/4) (446565)
10.28 Video Nation Shorts (282861)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (309855)
11.15 Grafters Profiles of a motorcycle courier who rejected a career in the city for the freedom of the road and a young man who risks his life daily (T) (803590)
11.45 ***A Little Later with Jools Holland*** Archive performances by some of the soul singers to have appeared on the *Later* programme, including Al Green, Maxwell, Luther Vandross and Erykah *Badu (632010)* ***12.00*** *Weather* (6059661)
12.05am Duckman (3739701
12.30 Learning Zone: Open University: The Big Picture (14850) **1.00** The Chemistry of a *Forest (11324)* ***1.30*** *Conservation* v Commercialism (50701) **2.00** Summer Nights (15922) **4.00** BBC Focus: Understanding Dyslexia (25411) **5.30** So You Want to Work in Social Care? (78546)

HTV

6.00am GMTV *(7622671)*
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (2085836)
9.55 Regional News *(T) (1542497)*
10.00 The Time, the Place (70565)
10.30 This Morning *(18343300)*
12.20pm Regional News (T) (6797213)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News *(T) (9985478)*
12.55 Shortland Street (T) (9993497)
1.20 HTV Crimestoppers (39470565)
1.25 Home and Away Alf struggles to *overcome his grief (T) (58790958)*
1.50 Remote Control Cooking (T) *(77691861)*
2.20 Vanessa (75845942)
2.50 The Natural Health Show (6297671)
3.20 ITN News (T) (4397403)
3.25 Regional News (T) (4396774)
3.30 Tots TV (1973720) **3.40** The Parkies *(7716652)* **3.50** *Winnie the Pooh* (6309923) **4.20** Extreme Ghostbusters (4050497) **4.45** It's a Mystery (6044836)
5.10 The National Amateur Garden Show (r) (T) (2892652)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (T) (204381)
6.00 Home and Away (T) (923)
6.25 HTV Weather (626377)
6.30 The West Tonight (403)
7.00 Emmerdale Wedding bells ring out in Emmerdale (T) (2590)



Thelma Barlow as Mavis (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Gary and Judy proudly show off *their new baby. Rita* and Mavis make plans for their new life (T) (687)
8.00 Three Men and a Little Lady (1990) Sequel to the bachelor comedy, starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg as the doting fathers. *Directed by Emile Ardolino (8671)*
10.00 News at Ten and Lottery Result (T) *(50126)*
10.30 Regional News (T) (790213)
10.40 The ***International Match: England v*** **Moldova.** Bob Wilson presents highlights from Wembley as Glenn Hoddle's men attempt to clinch their place in next summer's finals (954774)
11.40 Swift Justice (700720)
12.40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (3147527)
1.10 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (6804689)
1.35 The Take (1989) Thriller with Ray Sharkey, Larry Manetti and Lisa Hartman. Directed by Leon Achaso (679121)
3.10 Jones and Jury (44518140)
3.30 F1: Italian Grand Prix (r) (T) (2442695)
4.25 ITV Sport Classics (81364940)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (31766324)
5.00 Coronation Street *(r) (T) (45625)*
5.30 ITN Morning News (T) (65072)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9993497)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street *(2892652)*
6.25-7.00 Central News (419403)
11.40 Film: McCabe and Mrs Miller (44861584)
1.55am In Focus (9227275)
2.40 Mysterious West (1953091)
3.10 The Good Sex Guide Late (9358782)
4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (1505558)
5.20 Asian Eye (1442966)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 ***Illuminations*** *(6797213)*
12.55 Home and Away (4618010)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale *(91888869)*
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2892652)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (67958)
11.40 Hunter (700720)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2892652)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (923)
6.30-7.00 The Village (403)
11.40 Highlander (700720)
5.00am Freescreen (45625)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch *(6776720)*
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9993497)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street *(2892652)*
6.23 Anglia Weather (276836)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News *(419403)*
11.40 The Making of Event Horizon (291132)
12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3746091)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast *(14497)*
9.00 Something So Right (33403)
9.30 Film: As Young as You Feel (2061107)
10.50 Exposed (1111478)
11.00 Food File (5855)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (6584)
12.00 Sesame Street (57039)
12.30pm Baby Baby (77381)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (83159381)
1.15 Tic Toc (83154836)
1.30 Laurie Lee's Gloucestershire (76652)
2.00 Racing from Doncaster (7132)
4.00 Bewitched (316)
4.30 Stones of the Raj (300)
5.00 5 Pump (5336774)
5.15 Ffeil (9460565)
5.30 Countdown (652)
6.00 Newyddion (679107)
6.05 Heno (551364)
6.35 Hollol Bananas (948749)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (176855)
7.25 Ffermio (434652)
8.00 Ma Ifan 'Ma (3652)
8.30 Newyddion *(877039)*
9.20 Equinox: Black Holes (908774)
10.20 Brookside (602294)
10.55 Babylon 5 (226403)
11.50 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out (296687)
12.20am Under the Moon (44228966)
4.35 Board Stupid (64040904)
5.05 Screaming Reels (4769169)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street *(99229)* ***7.00*** The Big Breakfast (14497) **9.00** Something So Right (33403)
9.30 As Young as You Feel (1951, b/w) A comedy starring Monty Woolley, Thelma *Ritter, Albert Dekker and Marilyn Monroe,* directed by Harmon Jones (2061107)
10.50 Exposed *(1111478)* ***11.00*** *Food File (r)* (T) (5855)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier *Tuscan bean* soup; spinach tarts with red pesto; fruit platters with mint gratin (6584)
12.00 Sesame Street (57039) **12.30pm** Baby Baby (77381) **1.00** Light Lunch (72836)
2.00 Racing from Doncaster Brough Scott introduces the **2.05, 2.35, 3.10** and **3.40** races (7132)
4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (316)
4.30 Countdown (T) (6047923)
4.55 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (4643774)
5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (652)
6.00 The Cosby Show Theo is worried about Vanessa's reputation when she has a date with Lyle (r) (T) (565)
6.30 Roseanne Dan's father (Ned Beatty) arrives and the sparks start to fly (r) (T) (395)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (906774)
7.50 Yes Yes with Jonathan Watson and Alastair McGowan (868584)
8.00 Brookside Carmel believes that Sinbad has it in for her son and Mick wants to spend more time with his family (T) (3652)
8.30 Out of Africa A wildlife documentary filmed over 12 hours at a small, stony waterhole in the Etosha National Park, Namibia. *Narrated by Sean Barrett* (T) (5687)

Drew Barrymore as Amy (9.00pm)

9.00 The Amy Fisher Story (1992). A fact-based, made-for-television drama *starring Drew Barrymore as a rebellious* teenager from a home where money means more than love. She has an affair with a mechanic and asks him to leave his wife. He refuses. *Directed* by Andy Tennant (T) (33208872)
10.45 Space Cadets Sci-fi quiz hosted by Greg *Proops with guests including Claudia* Christian from *Babylon 5* and Robert Llewellyn from *Red Dwarf* (r) (T) (756229)
11.20 Babylon 5 Sci-fi adventures. A corrupt reporter turns up and presents a picture of the space station that suggests it is run by madmen (T) (192652)
12.15am Yes Yes (r) (3158633)
12.20 Under the Moon Sports magazine *presented by Danny Kelly (44228966)*
4.35 Board Stupid Snowboarding action (64040904)
5.05 Screaming Reels Angling with Nick Fisher (4769169)
5.35 Film and Video Showcase (7879966)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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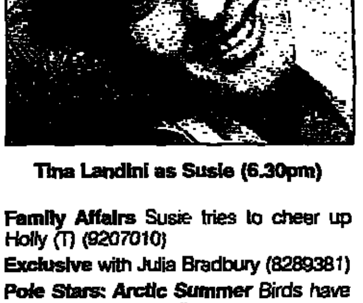
6.00am 5 News Early *(7431768)*
7.30 Wishbone (5695749)
8.00 Havakazoo (3615251)
8.30 WideWorld (4065792)
9.00 Espresso (7973213)
10.00 Exclusive (r) (6154768)
10.30 Land of the Lion (5611836)
11.00 Leeza (r) (1664774)
11.50 Give 5 (r) (69986590)
12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (6960328)
12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9000768)
1.00 5 News Update (85230590)
1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8776942)
2.00 5's Company (8810403)
3.30 Brenda Starr (8900519)
5.20 Give 5 (11481229)
5.30 Move on Up presented by Richard Morton (T) (9399045)
6.00 100 Per Cent Trivia quiz (9396958)



Tina Landini as Susie (6.30pm)

6.30 Family Affairs Susie tries to cheer up Holly (T) *(9207010)*
7.00 Exclusive with Julia Bradbury (8289381)
7.30 ***Pole Stars: Arctic Summer*** *Birds have* only two months to find a nesting place and raise their families (T) (9234294)
7.55 Give 5 The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers has 85,000 members who make polluted and derelict sites beautiful (6749942)
8.00 Instant Gardens William Van Hage transforms a garden in Norwich with *railway sleepers, mosaic tiles, plants and* flowers (8378229)
8.30 5 News (T) (8284836)
9.00 Broken Promises: Taking Emily Back (1993) starring Cheryl Ladd and Robert Desderio. A fact-based drama about a wealthy couple whose young child has *recently died, who decide to adopt* another via a private agency. Their happiness with their new daughter is marred by the arrival of the girl's natural parents, demanding further payment. *Directed by Donald Wyre (96744519)*
10.50 The Jack Docherty Show (9908836)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H *(7734652)*
12.25am Live and Dangerous Sports news *(13994362)*
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco A priceless stamp is stolen (T) (6729614)
5.30 100 Per Cent (7921850)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (120497) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (89590) **10.00** Another *World (55768)* **11.00** Days of Our Lives (31132) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (18652) **1.00pm** Geraldo (27300) **2.00** Sally *Jessy Raphael (24300)* **3.00** Jenny Jones (34126) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (19851) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5039) **6.00** Real TV (4229) **6.30** Married — with Children (5381) **7.00** The Simpsons (6768) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1585) **8.00** Seventh Heaven (86213) **9.00** Pacific Palisades (53749) **10.00** L.A.P.D. (76132) **10.30** Reds in Europe (89852) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (56497) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (49633) **1.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (2163904)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on *the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week*

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Nativity (1978) *(94478)* **8.00 September (1988)** (98233) **9.30 The Long Ride (1984)** (25923) **11.30 Shattered Vows (1984)** *(61855)* ***1.30pm September*** **(1988)** (45316) **3.00 The Never Ending Story III: Return to Fantasia (1994)** *(48213)* ***5.00 Troop Beverly Hills*** **(1989)** (85836) **7.00 The Absolute Truth (1996)** (45381) **9.00 Restoration (1996)** (61768) **11.00 Indecent Behaviour III (1995)** (770010) **12.35am The Heavenly Kid (1985)** (347459) **2.10 Runaway Daughters (1994)** *(9899546)* **3.35 Exquisite Tenderness (1995)** (22077121)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Ramona (1936) (85720) **8.00 Runaway Express (1992)** (13294) **10.00 The Sky's No Limit (1984)** (10823) **12.00 Tension at Table Rock PG (1965)** (96395) **2.00pm Holiday (1997)** (41958) **4.00 The Amazing Captain Nemo (1978)** *(1213)* **6.00 Reckless Kelly (1994)** (71381) **7.30 E! News Week in review** (5313) **8.00 The American President (1995)** (60039) **10.00 Seven (1995)** (60492855) **12.10am New Jersey Drive (1995)** (292275) **1.50 The Detective (1968)** (708072) **3.45 The Seventh Sign (1988)** (44566817)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm You Can't Take It with You (1938) (9911861) **6.00 The Geisha Boy (1958)** (3187565) **8.00 Jaws: The Revenge (1987)** (3182010) **10.00 The Dead Pool (1988)** (8960107) **11.35 Midnight Crossing (1988)** (3564855) **1.15am The L-Shaped Room (1963)** (77870275) **3.20 I Wake Up Screaming (1941)** (67456411)

TNT

9.00pm High Society (1956) (37167381) **11.00 The Philadelphia Story (1940)** (80945687) **1.00pm Ninotchka (1939)** (80823411) **3.00 Savage Messiah (1972)** (29276695) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre *(85923)* ***7.30*** Wrestling (17132) **8.30** Sports Centre (58133) **9.00** Racing News (96565) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (32855) ***10.00*** *Footballers' Football* Show (93942) **11.00** Seniors Golf (80478) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (89229) **12.30pm** *Sports Unlimited (19687)* **1.30** Footballers' Football Show (10316) **2.30** Tartan Extra (1774) **3.00** Women's Golf (65010) **4.00** Seniors Golf (57045) **5.00** Wrestling (3213) **6.00** Sports Centre (2409) **6.30** Futbol Mundial (6805) **7.00** The Pavilion End *(84687)* ***8.00*** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (91923) **10.00** Sports Centre (80958) **10.30** The Pavilion End *(80300)* **11.30** Futbol Mundial (47229) **12.00** Sports Centre (48343) **12.30am** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (98695) **2.30** Sports Centre (29053) **3.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics Oz Style (6238045) **7.30** Sports Centre (6144652) **8.00** Racing News *(5144126)* ***8.30*** *Tennis: US Open (7843316)* **11.30** International Football (4398774) **1.00pm** Golf Extra (8372229) **3.00** Football *(7726045)* **4.30** Tartan Extra (7332710) **5.00** Golf Extra (5135478) **7.00** Live International Football (5699519) **10.30** Sports Centre *(5220590)* ***11.00*** *Golf Extra (7722229)* **1.00am** International Football (7600053) **3.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Wrestling: Shotgun Challenge (29191316) **1.00pm** Fish TV (29004836) **2.00** Sky Sports Gold (80855010) **3.30** *Rugby Union (61085774)* **5.30** Spanish Football (61081229) **7.00** Fish TV (37253132) **8.00** Sports USA (80135671) **9.30** Beach Volleyball (29192045) **10.00** Sky Sports Gold (89620519) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

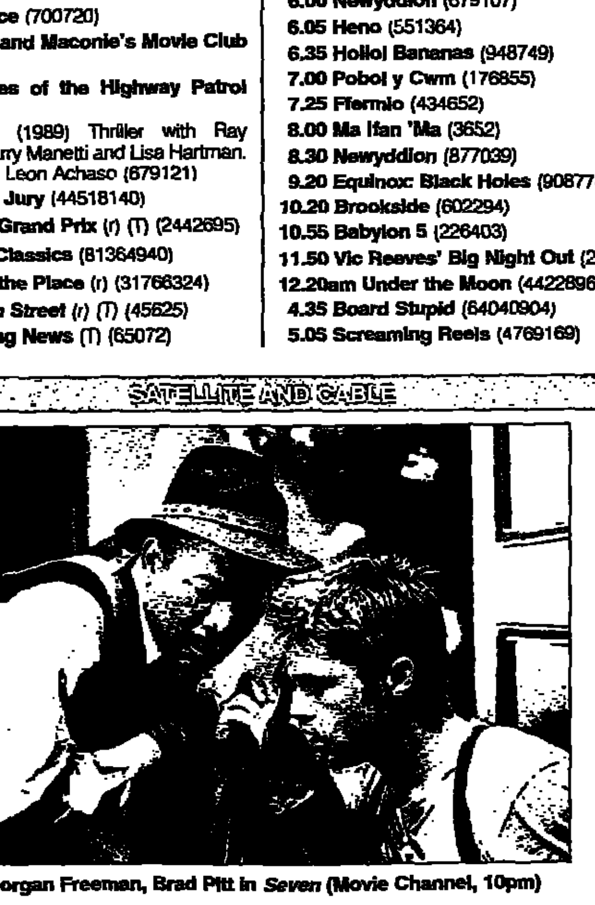
7.30am IndyCar (39300) **8.30** Extreme Games (67403) **9.30** Rowing (48300) **11.00** Rally (71774) **12.00** Wheelies (92577) **12.30pm** Kick (38039) **1.00** Water Skiing (75590) **1.30** Freeride (20010) **2.00** Live Cycling (73923) **3.30** Volleyball (20768) **5.00** Motors (45565) **6.30** Live Youth Football (52132) **8.30** Four Wheels Drive (4565) **9.00** Football (81590) **11.00** Women's Golf (96039) **12.00** Cycling (33411)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (4426403) **7.35** Neighbours (9261861) **8.00** Crossroads (9749774) **8.25** EastEnders (3287403) **9.00** The Bill (6392590) **9.30** Howards' Way (4586039) **10.00** In Loving Memory (1986213) **10.30** The Sullivans (6398774) **11.00** The Rockford Files (53477584) **12.05pm** Crossroads (72598671) **12.30** Neighbours (4580855) **1.00** EastEnders (5712377) **1.35** 2Point4 Children (5113519) **2.15** Room at the Bottom (8675478) **2.50** Are You Being Served? (2360403) **3.30** The Bill (4286923) **4.00** Casualty (11913497) **5.05** EastEnders (3456300) **5.40** Bob's Full House (9755478) **6.20** Two Ronnies (4540229) *7.20 Dr Who (9755774)* **7.50** Home to Roost (9785841) **8.20** On the Up (8497855) **9.00** The Bill (2548590) **9.30** The *Chief (55093855)* **10.35** Sports Anorak of the Year (2888855) **11.05** New Statesman (2192316) **11.40** Miami Vice (5076584) ***12.30am FILM: Missing Pieces (1991)*** (3850140) **2.05** Shopping (96805701)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am El Uncut (9666346) **6.30** Beadle's About (6979478) **7.00** Coronation St *(8622923)* ***7.30*** *Families (8714958)* **8.00** Surprise Surprise (5498294) **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (8317854) **10.00** Mission Impossible (8630942) **11.00** Sandbaggers (8627478) **12.00** Coronation St (5606381) **12.30pm** Families (1247300) **1.00** Blind Date (1242855) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6067687) **3.00** Beadle's About (8313132) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (7211132) **4.00** Mission Impossible (1816890) **5.00** Sandbaggers (8231584) **6.00** Families (7217316) **6.30** Coronation St (7135768) **7.00** Blind Date (7900852) **8.00** Mission Impossible (7919300) **9.00** Coronation St (5416854) **9.30** The Comedians (1234836) **10.00** Prime Suspect II (7909923) **11.00** Close



Morgan Freeman, Brad Pitt in *Seven* (Movie Channel, 10pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo (65768) **6.30** Lamb Chop (59887) **7.00** Chip 'n' Dale (80045) **7.30** Quack Pack (96652) **8.00** Dinosaurs (39294) **8.30** Bonkers (38565) **9.00** Gummi Bears (25045) **9.30** Groundling Marsh (65107) **10.00** Sesame Street (92836) **11.00** Hunny Pot (5409132) **11.15** Rosie *and Jim (4578294)* ***11.40*** *Sing Me a Story* (4930215) **12.00** Big Garage (7086774) **12.45pm** Winnie the Pooh (25236652) **1.00** *Sesame Street (64478)* ***2.00*** *Amazing* Animals (9328) **2.30** Care Bears (1316) **3.00** Tale Spin (5403) **3.30** Goof Troop (6851) **4.00** *Timon and Pumbaa (9768)* **4.30** Aladdin (8852) **5.00** Gargoyles (4720) **5.30** Dinosaurs (5132) **6.00** Blossom (2045) **6.30** *Boy Meets World (8887)* ***7.00*** *Home Improvement* (4584) **7.30** Wonder Years (8381) **8.00 FILM: Snowball Express** (35039) ***9.30*** *Dave's World (52687)* ***10.00*** *Close*

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Delly (6849958) **6.30** Billy the Cat (2864590) **7.00** Pinocchio (4428519) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (4334126) **8.00** Beetleborgs (8939671) **8.30** Masked Rider (8038942) **9.00** Magic Box (8929294) **9.30** Dudley the Dragon (6237671) **10.00** Inspector Gadget (2782942) **10.30** Samurai Pizza Cats (8925478) **11.00** Sweet Valley High (4416774) **12.00** Ace Ventura (8012958) **12.30pm** Casper (6311687) **1.00** The Tick (4410590) **1.30** Iron Man (8310958) **2.00** Fantastic Four (9402010) **2.30** Power Rangers Zeo (1015403) **3.00** Beetleborgs (9594045) **3.30** Masked Rider (1914720) **4.00** Ace Ventura (1933855) **4.30** *Casper (1939039)* ***5.00*** *The Tick (8599590)* **5.30** X Men (1026519) **6.00** Spiderman (1016132) **6.30** Sweet Valley High *(1934584)* ***7.00*** *Close*

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Endangered Jumbos (9413126) ***7.30*** *Delaware Bay Banquet (1930768)* **8.00** Giants of Ningaloo (1306652) **9.00** Shipwreck on the Skeleton Coast (1499316) **10.00** Australia's Aborigines (1492403) **11.00** Khaled (4331039) **12.00** Giants of Ningaloo (7234459) **1.00am** Close

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4.00pm American Caesar (7754045) **5.00** Mummies (9428497) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (6145120) **7.00** Biography: Bonnie and Clyde (1730478) **8.00** Close

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6.00am *Lucky Ladders (7746132)* **6.35** Lingo (78347107) **7.00** Tiny Living (7387132) **9.00** I Dream of Jeannie (7826855) **9.30** Gordon Elliott (8141045) **10.10** Jerry Springer (7471300) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (9522768) **11.50** Brookside (53555942) **12.20pm** Why Me? (73548382) **12.50** Rolonda (8260923) **1.40** Tempest (1829720) **2.30** The Heat Is On (5972710) **3.00** Live at Three (54766584) **4.05** Jerry Springer (9566229) **5.00** Rolonda (3670774) **5.50** Lucky Ladders (3345768) **6.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (6814010) **7.00** Hearts Afire (9834768) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (5178313) **8.00** Rolonda (3186836) **9.00 FILM: Passions (1984)** (3189923) **11.00** The Sex Zone (7201768) **12.00** Close

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National teams aspire to roles of honour in Caribbean and important World Cup qualifying tie

England face great expectations

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ONE high-profile England career was put on probationary hold yesterday and another was almost certainly terminated. A third, however, was belatedly revived as Angus Fraser, the most dependable seam bowler of his generation, was named in the 16-strong party to tour the West Indies in the new year.

Fraser's recall indicates concern over both the inexperience of the England seam bowlers and their profligacy by comparison with their Ashes opponents this summer. "One thing we have learnt this summer is the need for accurate seam bowling," David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, who also confirmed that Fraser's expertise would be used to assist the younger bowlers, said.

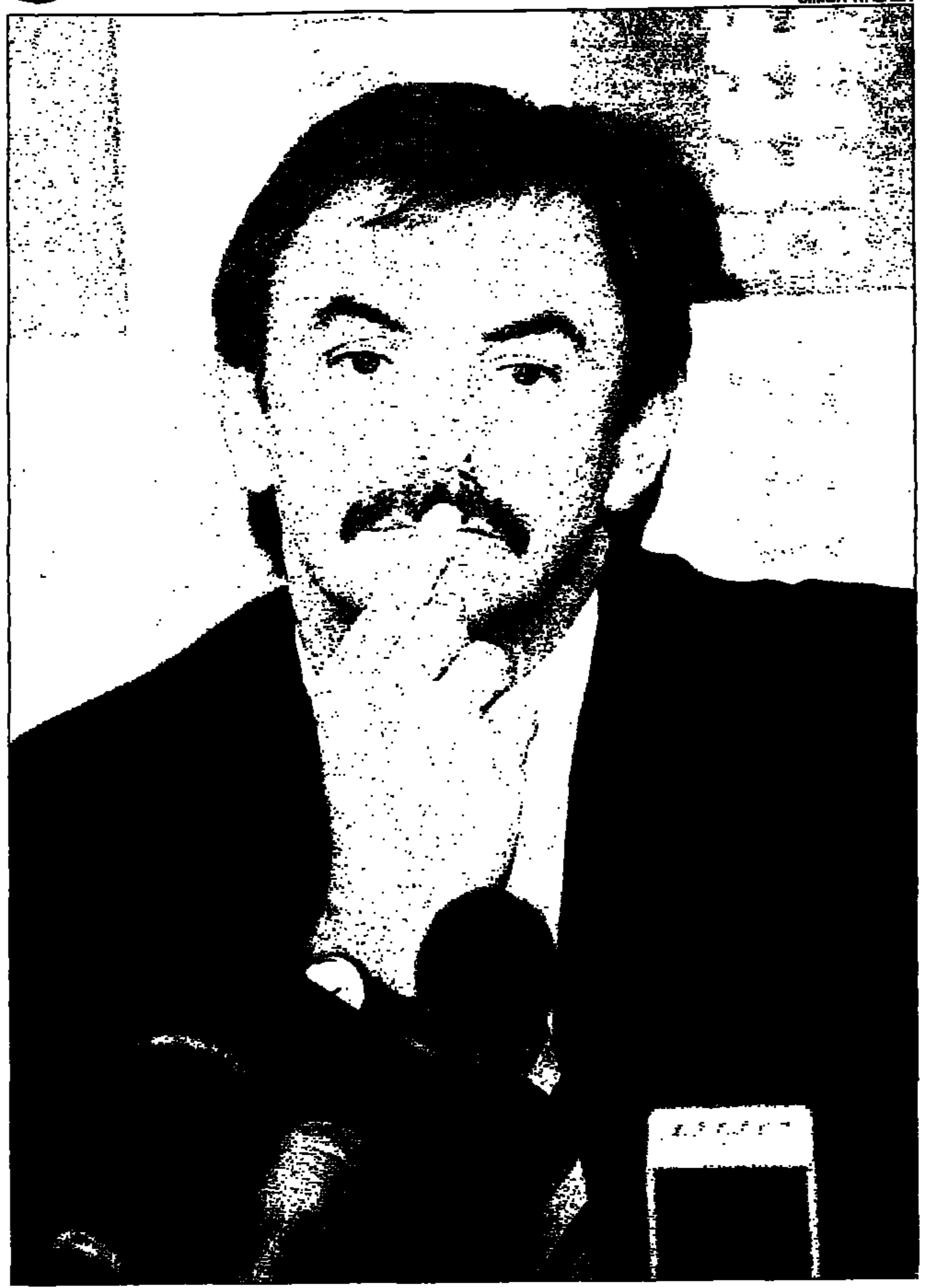
It is hardly a progressive selection for Fraser, now having his benefit year at Middlesex, is 32 and it will be two years since his last Test when the tour begins in January. But within the framework of England's chosen attack, in which the three principal fast bowlers have played only 40 Tests between them, it makes perfect sense.

Equally sensible, and possibly overdue, is the decision to do without Devon Malcolm, three years older than Fraser and much less reliable. And there can be no quibbles over the omission, from all the winter touring teams, of Dominic Cork; the words of Graveney elucidated just how much the meteor of 1995 has to do before being welcomed back.

Cork, Graveney said, "has been through a difficult period. Derbyshire has not been a happy place to play cricket this year and we don't see him as a viable selection at this stage. When Cork is fit, physically and temperamentally, he can once again be an asset to the England side". That is an opinion shared by Derbyshire, who last night named him as their new captain.

I understand that Graham Gooch visited Cork on behalf of the selectors last week and that discussions about the shortcomings of his recent past, and his plans for the future, were full and frank. Graveney made a courtesy call to him yesterday, before the teams were announced, and made another to Malcolm, whose Test match days are now surely over.

SIMON WALKER



Graveney is deep in thought after the announcement of the England squads yesterday

Graveney, however, did lose one debate over the selection table. Steve James, who heads the national batting averages by a country mile, was apparently the choice of the chairman as the third opening batsman, but his colleagues preferred the claims of Mark Butcher, who played in five Tests this season.

While James has to be content with the vice-captaincy of the A team, which will be led by Nick Knight, Butcher's immediate role will be dictated, as is so much else in the England side, by the next twist in Alec Stewart's mercurial career.

TOUR PARTIES

ENGLAND (to West Indies) M A Atherton (Lancashire, captain), N Hussain (Essex, vice-captain), M A Butcher (Surrey), A R Caddick (Somerset), A P Cowan (Essex), J P Crawley (Lancashire), R D B Croft (Glamorgan), *A R C Fraser (Middlesex)*, D Gough (Yorkshire), D W Headley (Kent), A J Hollioake (Surrey), M R Ramprakash (Middlesex), R C Russell (Gloucestershire), A J Stewart (Surrey), G P Thorpe (Surrey), P C R Tufnell (Middlesex). **Manager:** R Bennett. **Coach:** D Lloyd

ENGLAND (one-day tour to Lahore and Sharjah) A Hollioake (captain), Croft, Gough, Headley, Stewart, Thorpe, A D Brown (Surrey), D R Brown (Warwickshire), M A Ealham (Kent), A F Giles (Warwickshire), G A Hick (Worcestershire), B C Hollioake (Surrey), N V Knight (Warwickshire), P J Martin (Lancashire). **Manager:** D A Graveney. **Coach:** Lloyd

ENGLAND A (to Kenya and Sri Lanka, Jan-Mar 1998) Knight (captain), Ealham, B Hollioake, D A Cosker (Glamorgan), A Flintoff (Lancashire), Giles, P M Hutchison (Yorkshire), S P James (Glamorgan), D L Maddy (Leicestershire), D C Nash (Middlesex), *J Ormond (Leicestershire)*, J C Powell (Essex), C M W Read (Gloucestershire), D J Sales (Northamptonshire), O A Shah (Middlesex), C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire). **Manager:** G A Gooch. **Coach:** M W Gatting.

There is a good chance, confirmed by Graveney, that Stewart and his captain, Michael Atherton, will be reunited as openers, freeing the wicketkeeping duties for Jack Russell. Four winters ago, in the Caribbean, Atherton and Stewart went in first and made almost 1,000 runs between them in five Tests. Such experience could be critical for what remains an intimidating tour, so it is significant that nine of the party are making their second trip to the West Indies and three their third.

The spare opener was one of the contentious areas, the others being the place claimed by Fraser ahead of Peter Martin and the final seam-bowling position. Against opposition from Paul Hutchison, of Yorkshire, and more than one bowling all-rounder, this went to Ashley Cowan, recognition for an admirable season with Essex more than for his outstanding bowling in the NatWest Trophy final.

Cowan, at 22, is comfortably the youngest member of a party with an average age of 28. This contrasts tellingly with the selection of the A team to tour Kenya and Sri Lanka. Of the 16 named, no fewer than eight are teenagers, all part of the England Under-19 squad this summer and representative of the desire to establish a conveyor belt of young talent into the senior sides.

Jonathan Powell, the Essex off spinner, who will join the squad after the youth World Cup in South Africa, has played only one first-class match, while Chris Read has played none at all. However, Read, reserve wicketkeeper at Gloucestershire, is a coveted young cricketer and an enlightened selection.

There were no particular surprises in the 14-man party for the one-day competition in Sharjah during December. Limited-overs specialists, such as the Browns, Alistair and Dougie, Ashley Giles and even the half-forgotten Graeme Hick are included, along with only six of the West Indies selection. Whether any of these players will fly to the Caribbean for the five one-day internationals that end the tour has yet to be finalised.

As expected, Adam Hollioake will captain the side in Sharjah, but speculation that this makes him the natural inheritor of Atherton's job has been confused by the appointment of Nasser Hussain as vice-captain in the West Indies. Plainly, no preferred successor has emerged and the selectors would be delighted if no change was necessary in the foreseeable future.

Essex made to pay, page 43

By Oliver Holt
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IT WILL start with a song 15 minutes before the kick-off, a recording of Elton John's new version of *Candle in the Wind*, for which the crowd will be required to stand. Then, there will be a minute's silence in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, that will test the resolve of the players as much as the impact of any tackle or the pursuit of any wayward ball.

When these things have passed and release has come with the roar of the crowd, a charged audience that will fill Wembley to its capacity tonight, England's footballers will try to focus their energies on a World Cup qualifying tie against Moldova that once would have been routine but is now far from that.

Once goals from Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, both of whom are missing tonight, had disposed of Poland in Katowice in May, this match against the whipping boys of group two, the team that has not earned a point in its five matches so far, should have been a happy formality, a stop at a staging post on the journey towards Rome and the decisive meeting with Italy next month.

That all changed with the tragedy that unfolded in Paris 11 days ago and when Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, gave his final pre-match briefing yesterday, he was candid about the fact that the game might turn on how his team reacts in the midst of the maelstrom of sadness that will swirl around the ground before the start.

Hoddle forsook the gloom of the oak-panelled room where his press conferences are usually held and took to the lawns of Bisham Abbey instead, gathering an impromptu circle before him on the banks of the Thames and talking as working barges and pleasure boats drifted by and ramblers across the water waved their greetings.

It was as if he wanted to place himself at the heart of a picture of serenity and calm, to bathe in sunlight again, not remain in darkness. He said once more that he hoped his team could lift the nation from its sorrow and unite them in celebration rather than in grief.

"There are not many times," he said, "when a nation has been together in mourning and suddenly finds itself with an opportunity to be together again for a happier reason. The hardest thing is going to be the minute's silence. There is no doubt about that. The players will have to think about why they are doing that but then they will have to try to switch into their professional mode.

"I'm hoping that the game gives the crowd an opportunity to give themselves a lift. I am not sure what their reactions are going to be. It might be a case of them having to lift us or us having to lift them. But as soon as the whistle goes, we have got a job to do and the crowd have got a job, as well. Let's hope they take the roof off with their cheering and make that a show of respect, too."

It is possible, of course, that the emotion of the evening will serve to inspire England to a higher level of performance than they would otherwise have achieved and, as long as the sombre preamble to the match does not affect them too drastically, they should have little trouble in easing past Moldova. Victory would take them to the top of the group if Italy fail to win in Georgia.

Hoddle even said he was considering leaving David Beckham, one of four players who have a yellow card to their names already, out of the starting line-up to ensure that he did not pick up a second caution that would rule him out of the match in Rome on October 11.

After he had spoken about Beckham's need to control his temper, Hoddle hinted that the Manchester United midfield player would, after all, be picked because his priority was to choose a team that would ensure victory over Moldova. Without that, the importance of the Italy game fades.

"The signs of a disciplinary problem are there with David," Hoddle said, "and we need to stamp down on that pretty early. We are not talking about any lack of talent. It is just his character and his temperament. He just gets carried away with things he does not need to get carried away with.

"I do not think it would affect him if I left him too adversely if I left him out but in all this planning ahead we need to remember the main point is to win this game. I don't like having to have an eye on a game that is in the future, but there will be a lot of other coaches in the same position."

DES JENSON

Hoddle takes a backward glance during his press briefing at Bisham Abbey yesterday

The probability is that Beckham will start the match and be withdrawn if and when England establish their superiority in goals. It is possible, though, that Hoddle will omit Graeme Le Saux, another of the quartet with a caution, and play Phil Neville at left wing back instead. With Ian Wright and Les Ferdinand likely to play in attack, the real selection dilemma comes in the composition of the midfield.

Hoddle's inclination to launch an all-out attack against a Moldova side that is defensively weak in the air, could lead to the inclusion of Stuart Ripley wide on the right, with Beckham moved into the centre with Paul Gascoigne and Paul Scholes. If Beckham plays wide, Robert Lee may start in the centre.

"This is a tougher game than some people have suggested," Hoddle said. "They have got some good individuals. It is a no-lose situation for them. It is only us who have got something to lose but, in an ideal world, if we could beat them more than Italy beat them and if we could get an early goal to lift the crowd, that would be the ideal scenario."

Ireland's task, page 45

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	6	5	1	0	11	1	16
England	6	5	0	1	11	2	15
Poland	6	2	1	3	7	9	7
Georgia	5	1	0	4	3	9	3
Moldova	5	0	0	5	2	13	0

MATCHES TO COME: Today: England v Moldova; Georgia v Italy. Sept 24: Moldova v Georgia. Oct 7: Moldova v Poland. Oct 11: Italy v England; Georgia v Poland.

ENGLAND (probable; 3-5-2) D Seaman (Arsenal) — G Neville (Manchester United), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), G Southgate (Aston Villa) — S Ripley (Blackburn Rovers), D Beckham (Manchester United), P Gascoigne (Rangers), P Scholes (Manchester United), P Neville (Manchester United) — I Wright (Arsenal), L Ferdinand (Tottenham Hotspur)

MOLDOVA (probable, 5-3-2) D Romanenco (Zimbru) — S Secu (Tiligul), O Fistican (Zimbru), V Culibaba (Zimbru), R Robeja (Zimbru), I Tistimitanu (Zimbru) — V Toloconnicov (Zimbru), S Rogachev (Olimpia), A Popovic (Tiligul) — S Epureanu (Zimbru), I Miterev (Zimbru)

Referee: K Nilsson (Sweden).

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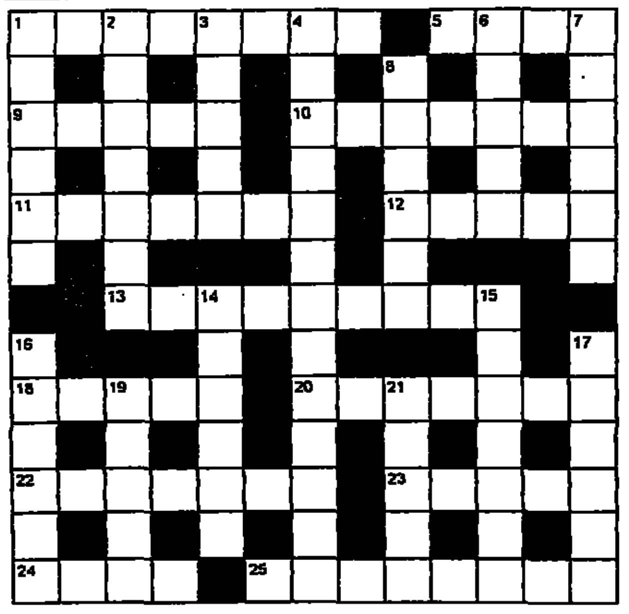

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12 Book of maps (5)
13 Unlike (9)
18 Projecting roof edge (5)
20 Milan opera house (2,5)
22 Speak briefly of (7)
23 Experienced, skilful (5)
24 Bonds; neckwear (4)
25 Improvident (8)

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1 Nautical cable (6)
2 People as a whole (7)
3 Sir Arthur Conan — (5)
4 Commit oneself (to risk) (4,3,6)
6 Go stealthily (5)
7 A food; very 13 from chalk (6)
8 Suave (6)
14 Relic (of long-ago animal) (6)
15 Acrobat's swinging bar (7)
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21 Slap; fishing boat (5)

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Illness forces Howard to withdraw

BARCLAY HOWARD, Britain's best amateur golfer, has already fought alcoholism. Now he has discovered he has leukaemia (John Hopkins writes).

Howard, 44, should have been at Burnham and Berrow yesterday with his Scotland team-mates as they gathered for the home internationals, which start today. Instead, the man who was the leading amateur in the Open in July and has twice played in the Walker Cup, was in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, where he underwent a biopsy. He will start a course of chemotherapy later this week.

He always has a crack for any situation and this wit is one reason why Howard is such a popular person. "He is a great player, so vibrant and always cheerful, whether on or off the course," Gary Wolstenholme, of England, who competed with Howard in the recent Walker Cup, said: "Everyone is devastated by this news."

Howard first represented Scotland in 1979 but made his name more recently. He was a member of the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team that defeated the United States at Royal Porthcawl two years ago and was in the four-man Eisenhower Trophy team in the Philippines last autumn.

In the Walker Cup at Quaker Ridge, New York, last month, Howard played poorly. He complained of continually being tired. At the time this was put down to the extreme heat. Subsequent blood tests led to the diagnosis of leukaemia.

"Our thoughts are entirely with him and his family," Colin Wood, the Scotland captain, said. "It is clear from the way the news was received here that Barclay is a man greatly respected."

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